

# W11

# Pond food chains



The list below shows some of the pond minibeasts that you may have found and what they eat. Use this to help you make some food chains for pond minibeasts.

Pond minibeast	What it eats	
Pea mussel	Algae and small particles (detritus)	
Ramshorn snail	Algae and other water plants	
Great pond snail	Algae, plants and detritus	
Freshwater shrimp	Decaying leaves and pond weed	
Water louse	Decaying leaves	
Water mite	Blood of shrimps, water fleas and midge larvae	
Mosquito/midge larva	Detritus	
Alderfly larva	Caddisfly larvae and mayfly nymphs	
Cased caddisfly larva	Plants, small insects and molluscs	
Mayfly nymph	Algae	
Damselfly nymph	Midge larvae and mayfly nymphs	
Dragonfly nymph	Larvae, nymphs and tadpoles	
Pond skater	Juices of insects on the surface	
Water scorpion	Juices of insect larvae and nymphs	
Greater water boatman	Juices of any live pond animal	
Lesser water boatman	Detritus	

