

The Willow School  
Gladstone, New Jersey  
Grade Two Class

The pond that we study is on the school property. Our pond is seven years old.

### Questions:

1. What is in the pond? What will we catch?
2. How many will we catch?
3. Will we get more than last year?



## **What We Did:**

1. First we made a path around the pond.
2. Then we went to the pond with nets and buckets. We caught creatures and brought them back to the classroom. We stored the creatures in a tank.
3. Next we put the creatures in dishpans. We separated and sorted them. Then we figured out their names. We used field guides to figure out their names. Then we returned the creatures to the pond.
4. On the next visit to the pond our teacher made two long dips at each end of the pond. He used the same net and dipped in the same place as last year.
5. We sorted and named these creatures. Then we counted them. Next we added up all our separate counts.

**Our Count:**

Backswimmers	26
Caddisfly Larva	1
Dragonfly Nymph	26
Fisher Spider	6
Leech	1
Mayfly Nymph	35
Phantom Midge Larva	95
Scud	48
Snail – Ram’s Horn	149
- Pond	5
Stonefly Nymph	13
Tadpole	49
Water Scavenger Beetle	3
Giant Water Beetle	1
Clam	1
Diving Water Beetle	4