

This insect has enormous eyes. Some people think it's as scary as a dragon.



A dragonfly won't hurt you unless you're as small as a bug. Each enormous eye has thousands of tiny lenses. With its sharp eyesight, a dragonfly sees flying insects and catches them in midair.

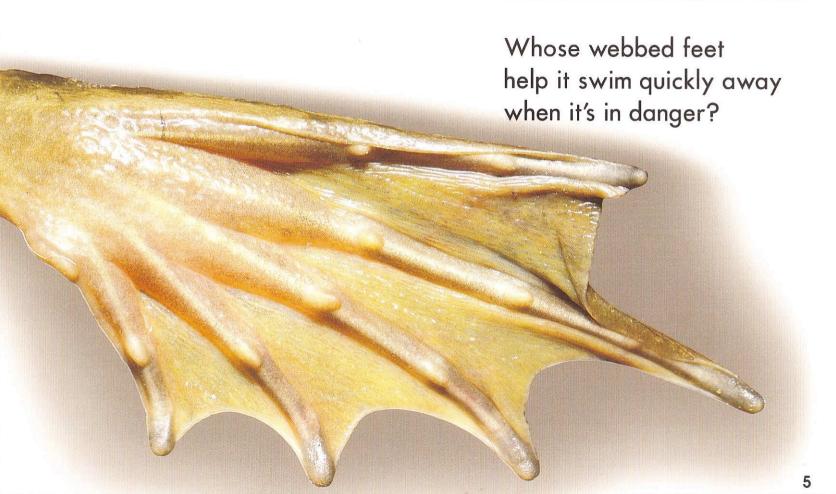


Cats do not live in ponds, but this pond plant looks like the tail of a cat.

It is called a cattail.
In spring it is covered
with tiny yellow flowers.
The flowers make yellow pollen.

The pollen helps make seeds, so new cattails can grow next year.

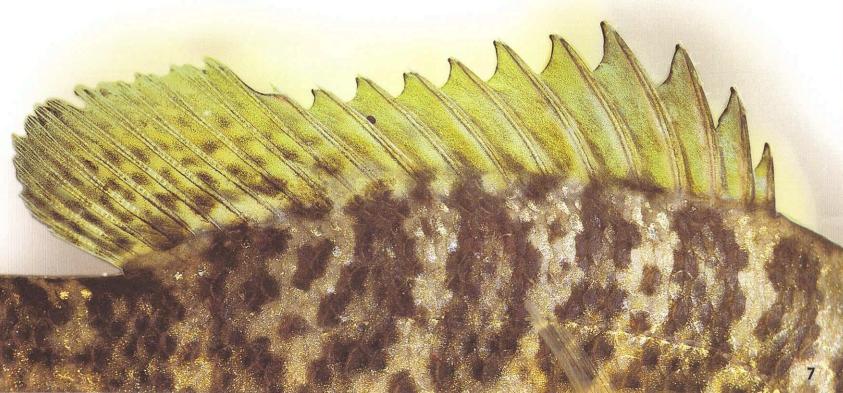




It is a bullfrog. Bullfrogs are the largest frogs. A bullfrog's bulging eyes search for flying insects.

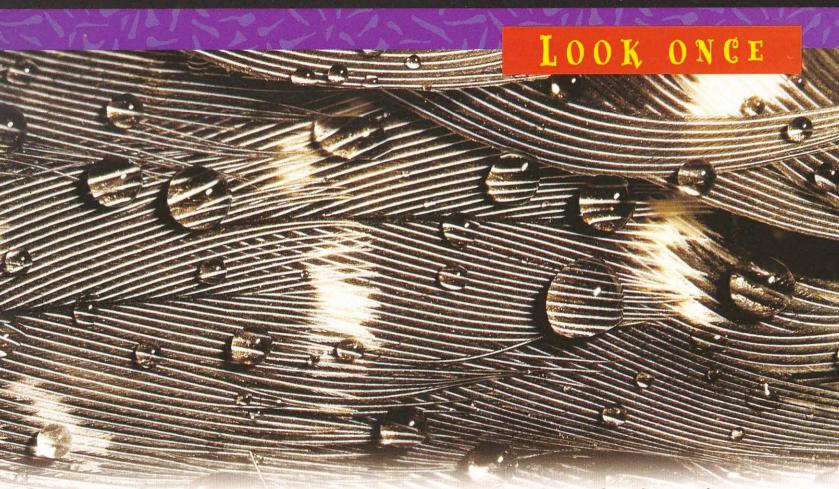
Zap! A long, sticky tongue shoots out. The bullfrog has a tasty treat.

These little bones are sharp to touch and nasty to taste. But without them, this pond creature could not swim.



A sunfish has many fins. It uses the fins on its back to help it swim straight. Without these fins it might turn over and over. It wouldn't get very far.



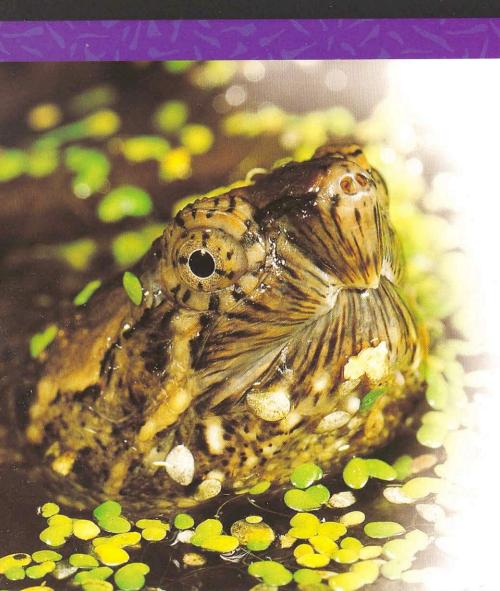


If you were a fish, you would not want to see these feathers close up. They belong to a . . .

... kingfisher!
Kingfishers sit
on branches or wires,
looking for fish
in the water below.

Its feathers are covered with oil.
Oil makes them waterproof.
A kingfisher stays dry while it eats a fishy meal.





This is not a bird, but it has a beak. You sure don't want this animal to snap at you!

Snapping turtles are fierce hunters. Their sharp jaws rip the flesh of fish, ducks, muskrats, or anything else that swims by.

Make sure you don't get too close to a snapping turtle.

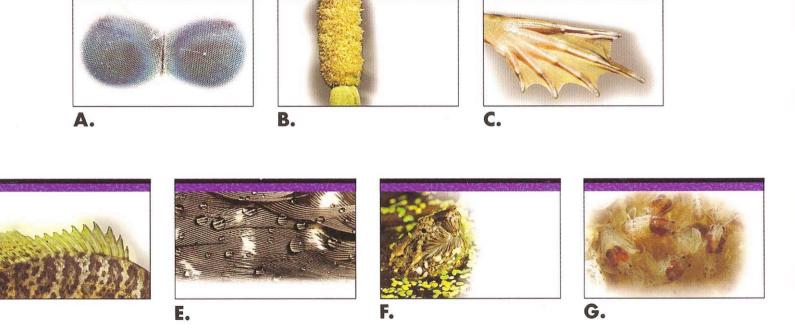




When these babies grow up, they will look like little lobsters. But lobsters live in the sea, not in the pond. These are . . .

... crayfish babies. They cling underneath their mother's tail. Crayfish have many names. They are also called crawfish, crawdads, crawdaddies, crawcrabs, and mudbugs.





Look closely. Can you name these plants and animals?

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A. Dragonfly



B. Cattail



C. Bullfrog



D. Sunfish



E. Kingfisher



F. Snapping turtle



G. Crayfish

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