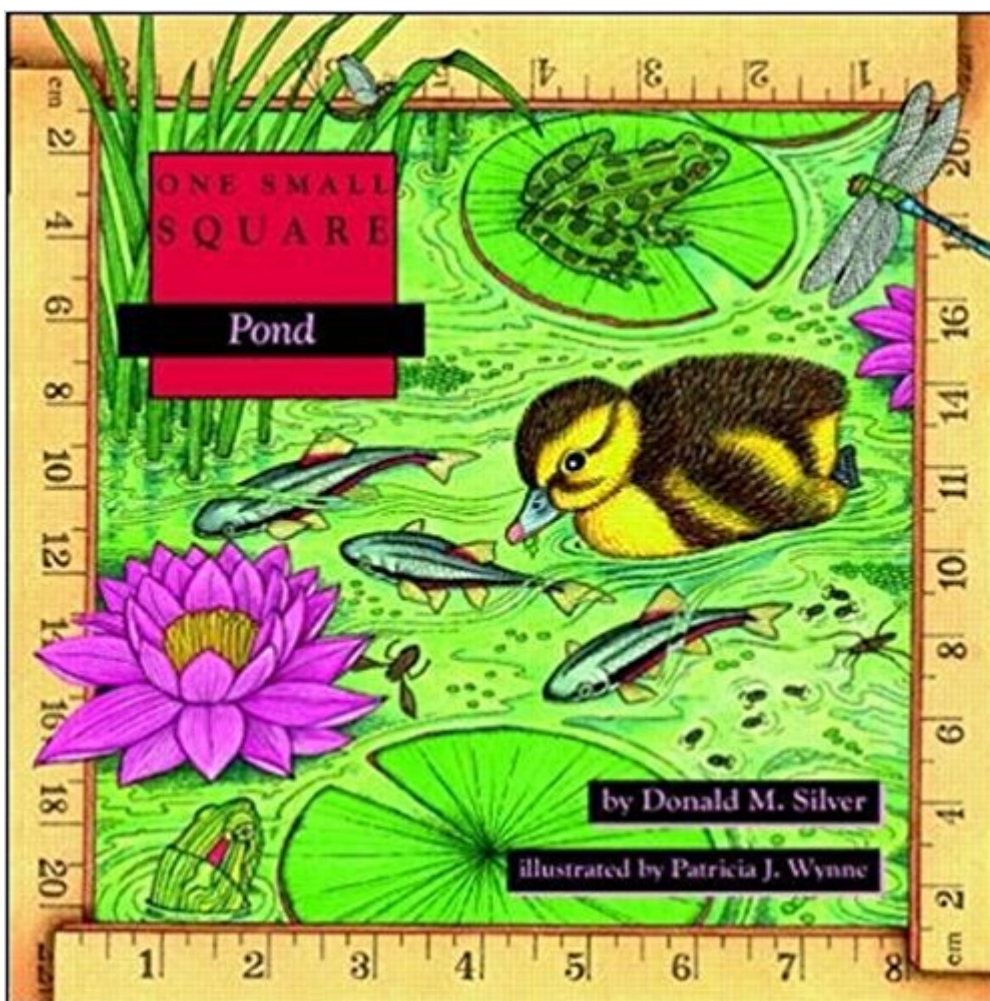


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# Pond



## Synopsis

Fish and fungi, plants and protists, mammals and monera all seem to get along swimmingly in and around the peaceful-looking pond environment. But a closer look at a small square reveals an ever-changing world. . .home to a larger variety of creatures and goings-on than you'd ever imagine, even in just a drop of its water! This beautifully illustrated "you are there" science book--part of the critically acclaimed One Small Square series--is brimming over with fun-to-do experiments and activities for children ages 7 and up. Includes a pond field guide, a glossary-index, and a resource list.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

## Customer Reviews

Gr. 3-5, younger with the help of an adult. From the One Small Square series, this heavily illustrated book encourages children to observe the plants and animals that live in, on, above, and around a pond. With safety concerns and respect for wildlife apparent, it shows children how to measure off a 24-inch square for observation, keep a notebook, look underwater with a homemade viewer, examine mud dwellers, and make a diorama of the pond. Though the format is rather crowded, the book has good, full-color illustrations (sometimes magnified to show microscopic views), and a wealth of information about the rich ecosystem of a pond. Carolyn Phelan --This text refers to an out

of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Pond life is not as placid and familiar as it might seem. Under a lily pad. . .beneath the ice. . .in just one drop of pond water, you'll find a complex ecosystem, teeming with life. A close look at one small square of a typical pond shows it to be a not-always-peaceable kingdom, where birds, insects, fish, protozoa, and plants all coexist. With the fascinating facts and fun-to-do activities in this book, children will discover that, when it comes to pond life, still water runs deep. Pond is just one of the exciting, vibrantly illustrated volumes in the critically acclaimed One Small Square series of science and nature books for children ages 7 and up. Each book includes: Stunning full-color illustrations of each habitat and its creatures; Motivating experiments and activities, along with clear, diagrammed instructions and safety tips; A picture field guide to the habitat; A glossary-index and resource list. One Small Square--an eye-opening series originally published in hardcover--puts the whole world in perspective for children, one small square at a time. Each book is a thrilling, up-close encounter with mammals, insects, plants, birds, fish, amphibians, bacteria, and the ecosystems in which they live. "Science education at its best."--Science Books and Films. Donald M. Silver is the author of more than 40 science books for children and teachers alike. In addition to the award-winning One Small Square series, he has written *The Animal World*, *Why Save the Rain Forest?*, *Extinction Is Forever*, and *The Dinosaur Activity Book*--all illustrated by Patricia J. Wynne.

This is a wonderful book that can be enjoyed by all age groups and levels of education. The book's introduction says "Although a pond looks peaceful, a pond is home to more creatures doing more things than you imagined. There are millions of ponds everywhere. . .there is a good chance that one is close to your home."The book does a good job of telling the reader about these creatures and their activities. Pond is written primarily for younger readers. From the beginning it stresses safety and adult involvement in the field activities. The book has excellent illustrations of the pond organisms and the equipment needed for the field activities. The pictures are very communicative and would be enjoyed by younger readers. The accompanying text may be a little beyond their understanding.Overall the book describes the pond creatures, their habitats, and their activities. Some of the habitats mentioned include the surface film, lily pads, water column, and bottom muck (benthos). Some activities covered are feeding, laying eggs, photosynthesis, and absorbing oxygen, plus others. The book also talks about changing conditions in a pond, such as when it rains, nighttime critters and activities, and the pond during different seasons.The end of the book has seven pages of common pond creatures. It groups them by mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians,

fish, insects, non-insect invertebrates, plants, fungi, protists, and monera. Both this section and the well-organized index contain many pictures. The groupings may be lost on younger readers, but are very useful for higher level students. All in all I really like this book. It is well organized and an enjoyable read. As a college educator I use this book as a reference source, yet can read it and show the wonderful illustrations to my young nieces.

Amazing! Great Shipping Time.

We needed this book as part of my daughter's preschool curriculum. It's a fascinating book that is packed with information! I love that it isn't dumbed down and my 5 and 3 year olds are captivated by it. I can see us using this book for a very, very long time.

This is a wonderful concept for a book. What can you find in one square (cube) in a given environment? At different layers there are different species and microcosms. This is a brilliant way to introduce ecology and science to young children.

Used at school

Wonderful item. Great for summer program and our before and after school activity kits. We combined it with other items related so they could take it with them on trips.

Great learning tool

i was teaching 4 & 5 year old students about pond life and found everything i needed in this book.

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