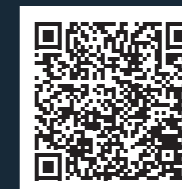


What you might see in the...

Ponds and streams



Royal Holloway's campus sits on a hill with a 40-metre difference in height from top to bottom, mainly on Bagshot sand, and because of these factors it is also a natural aquifer. This results in several constantly flowing springs which feed the stream and pond systems on our site.



To find out more about the grounds visit the Living Campus royalholloway.ac.uk/living-campus

Did you know?

Three-spined stickleback fish

As the name suggests, this small fish has three spines for protection against predation.



Minnow fish

Female minnow can lay up to 1000 eggs per year! We have a good number in the pond, but they are very small fish, being less than 10cm long and only weigh up to 16 grams.



Kingfisher

Kingfishers eat their own body weight in fish per day, which can be around 5,000 fish in a summer. Their favourite fish are sticklebacks and minnow, so if you are patient and quiet you may see them fishing in our ponds.



Heron

Hérons are excellent at catching fish, and use the art of stealthy ambush, if you see one in the water watch for a while and you may even see it catch one. They make their nests, called 'herronries', in tree tops and can have as many as eight to ten individual nests in one tree.



Dragonflies

Dragonflies start as nymph larvae that eat dead organic matter in the water course, recycling it in the system. Once they have emerged they are predatory, catching insects in mid-flight! We have a good range of species around the ponds so keep a look out for them.



Bog garden

The bog garden has a number of beautiful amenity flowers from across the world, look out for them from early spring to summer.

