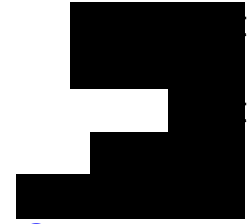




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Report on pond in Colemans Kitchen Wood, Ashford (TQ 9867 4057)

KRAG have surveyed the above pond on a number of occasions during the last 3 years and have found the following amphibian species:

Great Crested Newt	<i>Triturus cristatus</i>
Smooth Newt	<i>Lissotriton vulgaris</i>
Palmate Newt	<i>Lissotriton helvetia</i>
Common Frog	<i>Rana temporaria</i>

Evidence of breeding has also been found for great crested newt (egg search) as well as for the other two newt species.

The terrestrial habitat afforded by the woodland surrounding the pond offers excellent shelter and foraging for amphibian species.

The pond has been surveyed twice in 2010 with the peak number of great crested newt adults being 34 on April 15th. This classifies the great crested newt population as 'good' according to Beebee and Grayson's (1998) SSSI scoring system.

KRAG has also designated Colemans Kitchen Wood as a Key Amphibian Site (more detail at <http://www.kentarg.org/key-site-register>) due to both the size of the great crested newt population and the range of species found.

Please do contact me if you need further information.

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