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Web Sites for "Ponders"

[Classroom Pond](#) - Exemplary lesson plans and support materials for teaching about pond ecosystems, and great photos of a pond thriving in a fifth-grade classroom!

[It's a Pond's Life](#) - Young science explorers invite you to take a virtual tour of their pond, peruse their pond log, view results of water monitoring, and make use of their dichotomous key to identify pond insects.

[Enchanted Garden Pond](#) - In the hubbub of the Bronx, a pond and wetland thrive thanks to the effort and passion of the Environmental Club of JFK High School.

[High School Pond Study](#) - A senior delves into the health of the school's pond, and has lots of helpful information to share on the topic.



Photo courtesy of Hamilton Heights Elementary School

[Freshwater Ecosystems](#) - This site introduces students to the natural history of ponds, lakes, and wetlands.

[Project WET](#) - An internationally recognized program providing an interdisciplinary curriculum, professional development, and support services to educators studying water topics with students aged 5 to 18.

[Pond-Inspired Poetry](#) - Read winning entries to this kids' poetry contest, sponsored by London's Wildlife Trust.



Water Habitat items from the Kidsgardening Store

Aquatic Ecosystems for the Classroom

Create a wetland in your classroom! Our Aquatic Ecosystems host various habitats to form self-supporting, leak-proof wetland. Observe the dynamics of natural systems, study plant and animal relationships, even "pollute" the system to see how it affects chemistry and biology. The tank is easy to set up and fits on a sturdy tabletop. Includes a UL-listed air pump, tubing, fittings, instruction manual, and sample lesson plans. Visit our store to learn more.

[Square Aquatic Ecosystem](#) (pictured)

[Hexagonal Aquatic Ecosystem](#)



[Grow a Frog Kit](#)

Give your students the chance to witness the fascinating metamorphosis from tadpole to frog with the Grow a Frog kit. This frog is a long-lived South American species that spends its entire life in water and needs no dry land, making it easy to care for in the classroom. Kit includes container, food, instructions, and a redeemable coupon for a tadpole.



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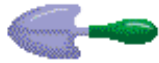
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