

The Lake's Circle of Life

Bolam Lake is teeming with life which comes in all shapes and sizes from microscopic plankton and algae to large birds such as swans and big fish like pike. See what you can spot in and around our lake today.



1. Mute swan

Eats: Water plants
Eaten by: None
Found: Lake surface



2. Pike

Eats: Young birds, fish
Eaten by: None
Found: Midwater



3. Otter

Eats: Fish, birds, mollusc
Eaten by: None
Found: Lake edges



4. Kingfisher

Eats: Fish, aquatic insects
Eaten by: Foxes, large birds
Found: Near water



5. Coot / 6. Moorhen

Eats: Plants, snails, insect larvae
Eaten by: Foxes, weasels, pike
Found: Lake surface



7. Mallard

Eats: Dragonflies, beetles, flies
Eaten by: Foxes, birds of prey
Found: Lake surface



8. Perch

Eats: Insects, larvae, worms
Eaten by: Pike
Found: Midwater



9. Frog / 10. Toad

Eats: Insects, grubs, worms
Eaten by: Birds, hedgehogs, pike
Found: Lake edges



11. Damselfly

Eats: Insects
Eaten by: Birds, spiders, frogs
Found: Resting on vegetation



12. Pond skater

Eats: Small insects
Eaten by: Fish, birds, frogs, toads
Found: Lake surface



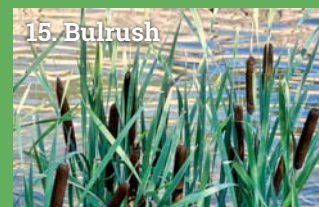
13. Caddisfly larvae

Eats: Larvae, algae
Eaten by: Fish
Found: Lake bottom



14. Swan mussel

Eats: Debris, daphnia, organisms
Eaten by: Otter
Found: Lake bottom



15. Bulrush

Eats: Uses photosynthesis
Eaten by: Birds (seeds)
Found: Lake edges



16. Daphnia / 17. Cyclops

Eats: Algae
Eaten by: Small fish
Found: Freshwater



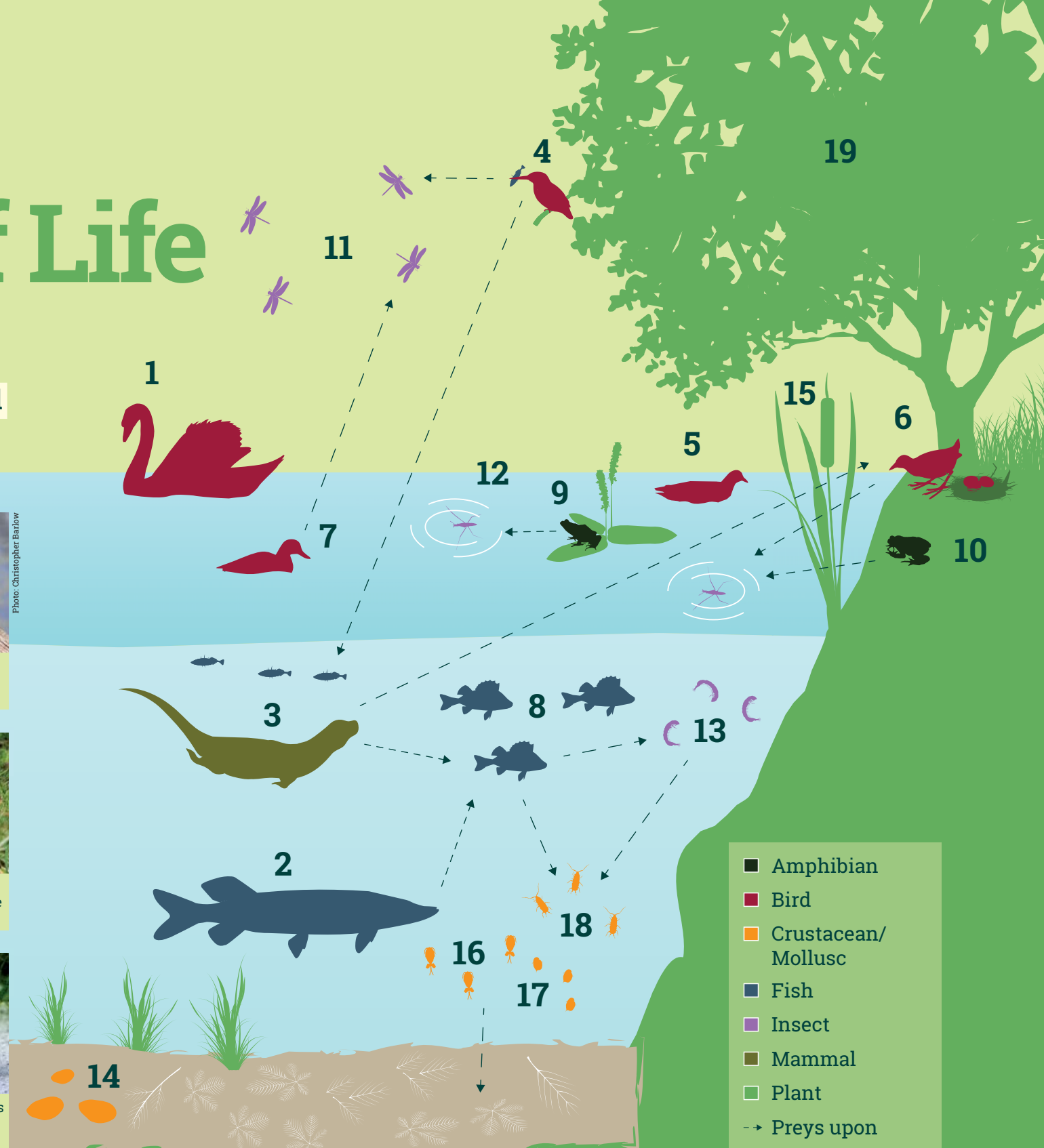
18. Water hoglouse

Eats: Decaying organic matter
Eaten by: Larvae, water birds
Found: Lake bottom



19. Alder

Eats: Uses photosynthesis
Eaten by: Caterpillars, moths
Found: Lakeside



Please remember...

Bread is an unnatural part of a wild birds diet. We feed six million white loaves of bread a year to waterfowl in England and Wales causing damage to birds' health and polluting water ways. Oats, corn, vegetable trimmings and even frozen peas are safer for the birds.