

# Cape Cod Pond Watcher Bio-survey



Pond Watcher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Pond Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pond ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Observation location: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time Start: \_\_\_\_\_

Time End: \_\_\_\_\_

## CONDITIONS

Air Temp (F): \_\_\_\_\_

Surface Water Temp (F): \_\_\_\_\_

Substrate: Sand / Organic Muck / Silt / Gravel / Other

Water Level: High / Medium / Low

Ice cover: None / Partial / Entire Pond

Surface Scum: Yes / No      Foam: Yes / No

**VEGETATION** – Check out APCC’s Bio-survey resources on APCC’s website! Can you spot any of the plants pictured? Start by scanning the shoreline, then look for plants emerging from the water. See any floating leaves or flowers? If the water’s clear and you can spot submerged plants (maybe from a boat or while snorkeling?), be sure to record them! Along with the plant name, note its location and how it’s spread—sparse, dense, or patchy. Thanks for your help!

Plant name:

Where did you observe  
this plant? (e.g. Shoreline,  
emerging from water, submerged)

Was plant  
distribution sparse,  
dense or patchy?

Photo?  
(X)

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**Comments on vegetation:**

**ANIMALS** – Take a peek at APCC’s Bio-survey resources on APCC’s website to see what might be lurking around! From tiny insect larvae to stealthy coyotes, Cape Cod’s freshwater ponds are home to all sorts of critters. Look for insects, amphibians, and mollusks—especially freshwater mussels! While you're at it, keep an eye out for fish, turtles, or even a snake. Don't forget to scan the trees and sky—are any birds nearby? On a quiet day, you might spot a muskrat, raccoon, or otter! Be sure to note any prints, scat, sounds, shells, or nests you find too. Thanks for helping out!

Animal name:	Where did you see it? (e.g. water surface, shoreline, water, air, trees)	If you didn't see it, what evidence did you find? (e.g. sounds, scat, tracks, nest)	Photo? (X)
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**Comments on animals:**

Helpful resources 😊

<https://apcc.org/our-work/education/freshwater-ponds/cape-cod-pond-watchers-bio-survey-program/><https://apcc.org/our-work/science/community-science/cyanobacteria/><https://www.inaturalist.org/>[https://www.inaturalist.org/pages/seek\\_app](https://www.inaturalist.org/pages/seek_app)

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