CREATURE ATLAS

Animal Fact Sheet

Name: _____ Date: _____



Pond Skater

Gerris lacustris

The pond skater, also known as the common water strider, is a slender insect famous for its ability to walk on the surface of water. Its long, hydrophobic legs distribute its weight, allowing it to g…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Gerridae
Habitat: Freshwater
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 years
Weight: 0.01-0.03 grams
Scientific name: Gerris lacustris

Did you know?

- Pond skaters can survive on both still and gently flowing waters, and even temporarily withstand being submerged if disturbed.
- Pond skaters can rapidly accelerate and change direction on water, thanks to specialized hairs on their legs that repel water. They 'row' with their …

What I learned

© Creature Atlas · www.creatureatlas.com · Free for classroom & personal use