



Epping Forest District Council



Frog



Newts

Wildlife Competition

British Amphibians & Reptiles

Competition Guidelines and Rules

The Animal Welfare Service and Countrycare would like your assistance in promoting the welfare of our native reptiles and amphibians and to encourage residents to make them welcome in their gardens.

For older entrants (10 to 16 years) we would like you to draw or design a leaflet on one of the Four Species Groups ie Newts (Urodeles) Frogs & Toads (Anurans) Snakes (Serpentes) Lizards (Sauria) . Your artwork should be no larger than A4 and be as informative as possible, describing the animals, their habitats, and their role in our environment, giving advice in how to encourage them to live in safety within our gardens. Useful websites include:

- [Froglife](http://www.froglife.org/) (http://www.froglife.org/)
- [Essex Biodiversity Project](http://www.essexbiodiversity.org.uk/Default.aspx?pageid=59) (http://www.essexbiodiversity.org.uk/Default.aspx?pageid=59)
- [Natural England](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/default.aspx) (http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/default.aspx)

The younger age group (5 to 9 years) will have an illustration of a garden pond, which should be coloured in and within the illustration will be 4 animals for you to find and identify.

In addition to the competition, we are running an optional survey to try and discover the distribution of wildlife in people's gardens. We would like you to fill in a short survey form with details about what you have discovered in your garden. In return for each survey we receive we will send you a free "Amphibian and Reptile" ID chart. The survey form is available to download from the Council's website.

Copies of the competition guidelines and rules can be obtained from the Civic Offices and Information Centres throughout the District. They are also available on our website www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk

Winners & Prizes

There will be one winner and two runners-up in the following age categories:

Age Group 10 to 16 years

- 1st Prize - Light Weight Binoculars +
- 2nd Prize - Pond Dipping Kit

Age Group 5 to 9 years

- 1st Prize - Light Weight Binoculars +
- 2nd Prize - Pond Dipping Kit

Publicity

If you win this competition, you must be prepared to have your name and photograph, together with the winning entry, published in 'The Forester' or other such publications as the Council may require. Your artwork may be used in a display and may be used together with another winning entry in our information leaflets (at the Judges discretion). The closing date for entries is 1 October 2009.



Adder



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Slow Worms

Wildlife Competition

The terms and conditions set out below apply. Entry into the competition implies acceptance of the rules and the terms and conditions on this form.

Terms and Conditions

1. The competition is open to all children and young people aged between 5 years and 16 years, who live, go to school or are a member of a youth organisation in the Epping Forest District Council area, excluding children of employees or Councillors of Epping Forest District Council.
2. The signature of a parent or guardian is required with all entries.
3. Entries must be received by 1 October 2009. No responsibility can be accepted for entries that are lost, damaged or delayed in the post. **NO ENTRY WILL BE RETURNED.** The entry must be the original work of the entrant.
4. There is no limit to the number of entries that may be submitted.
5. No person can win more than one prize.
6. All entries become the property of Epping Forest District Council and all the copyright in all entries will vest in the Council.
7. The decision of the judges will be final and no correspondence can be entered into.
8. **PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU INCLUDE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND AGE WITH YOUR ENTRY.**



Grass Snake



Newts: Great Crested & Smooth



Common Lizard



Slow Worm



Common Frog



Viviparous Lizard