

EDDISON POND

2017-2026: Possible Priority Site of Local Importance

A very small flooded Bovey Basin clay pit, with small numbers of Red-eyed Damselfly (more formerly); Downy Emerald recorded in 1992.

Last updated 29/03/2025

Site: EDDISON POND	1987-1996			1997-2006			2007-2016			2017-2026		
Grid ref.: SX861746	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other
	Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss	
<u>Damselflies</u>												
Beautiful Demoiselle			B									
Banded Demoiselle												
Emerald Damselfly												
White-legged Damselfly												
Large Red Damselfly	C	B	D	B	C	C						
Blue-tailed Damselfly	B		C			B						B
Scarce Blue-t Damselfly												
Common Blue Damselfly	C		D			D						C
Southern Damselfly												
Azure Damselfly	A	A	C	B	C	D				B		C
Red-eyed Damselfly			D			B						B
Small Red-eyed Damselfly												
Small Red Damselfly												
<u>Dragonflies</u>												
Hairy Dragonfly												
Common Hawker												
Norfolk Hawker												
Brown Hawker												
Southern Hawker												
Migrant Hawker						B						
Emperor Dragonfly			A	A		B						B
Lesser Emperor												
Vagrant Emperor												
Golden-ringed Dragonfly												
Downy Emerald			B									
Broad-bodied Chaser						A						
Scarce Chaser												
Four-spotted Chaser												
Keeled Skimmer												
Black-tailed Skimmer												
Common Darter			B			B						
Red-veined Darter												
Ruddy Darter												
Black Darter												
Yellow-winged Darter												
Scarlet Darter												
Total species in category:	4	2	9	3	2	9	0	0	0	1	0	5

Bold underlined = nationally important species **Bold black** = important species

Succ = Successful breeding (exuvia(e) and/or larva(e) and/or pre-flight emergent and/or oviposition);

Poss = Possible breeding (copulating pair); Other = Adult(s) or unspecified.

Abundance codes: A=1; B=2-5; C=6-20; D=21-100; E=101-500; F=>500; + = no count.

Priority Species History

Red-eyed Damselfly - ten adults on 28/5/90, D adults on 25/5/92 and a maximum of three in 1995; only 5 adults, including a pair ovipositing on 22/5/07; 2 males (viewed from road only) on 27/5/20.

Downy Emerald - three territorial males on 25/5/92.

Habitat

Small sunny pond, former clay pit. 90% tree-fringed, many trees overhanging. A little emergent *Typha* and *Juncus effusus* especially along the SE bank. Some 'flooded' willows near edges (remain alive despite submergence). One large and two smaller areas of *Nymphaea alba*, covering ca. 20% of surface; also areas of Broad-leaved Pondweed by 2024. Water totally clouded with suspended clay particles, obscuring detail of bank profile and any submerged vegetation. pH: 7.5 (25/5/92); 7.9. Conductivity: 260 μ S/cm. A few anglers' 'swims'. Reportedly the water was once clear and the pond was then better for dragonflies. Very large carp present.

Status

None.

Area

0.3 ha

Local Authority: Teignbridge DC

Owner/tenant

Sibelco/NAFA.

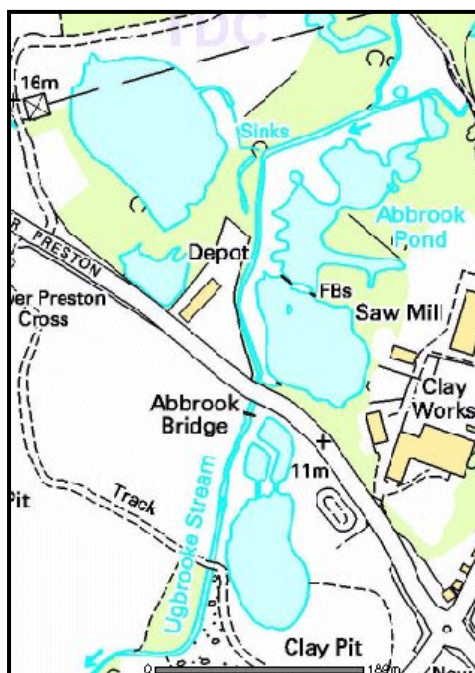
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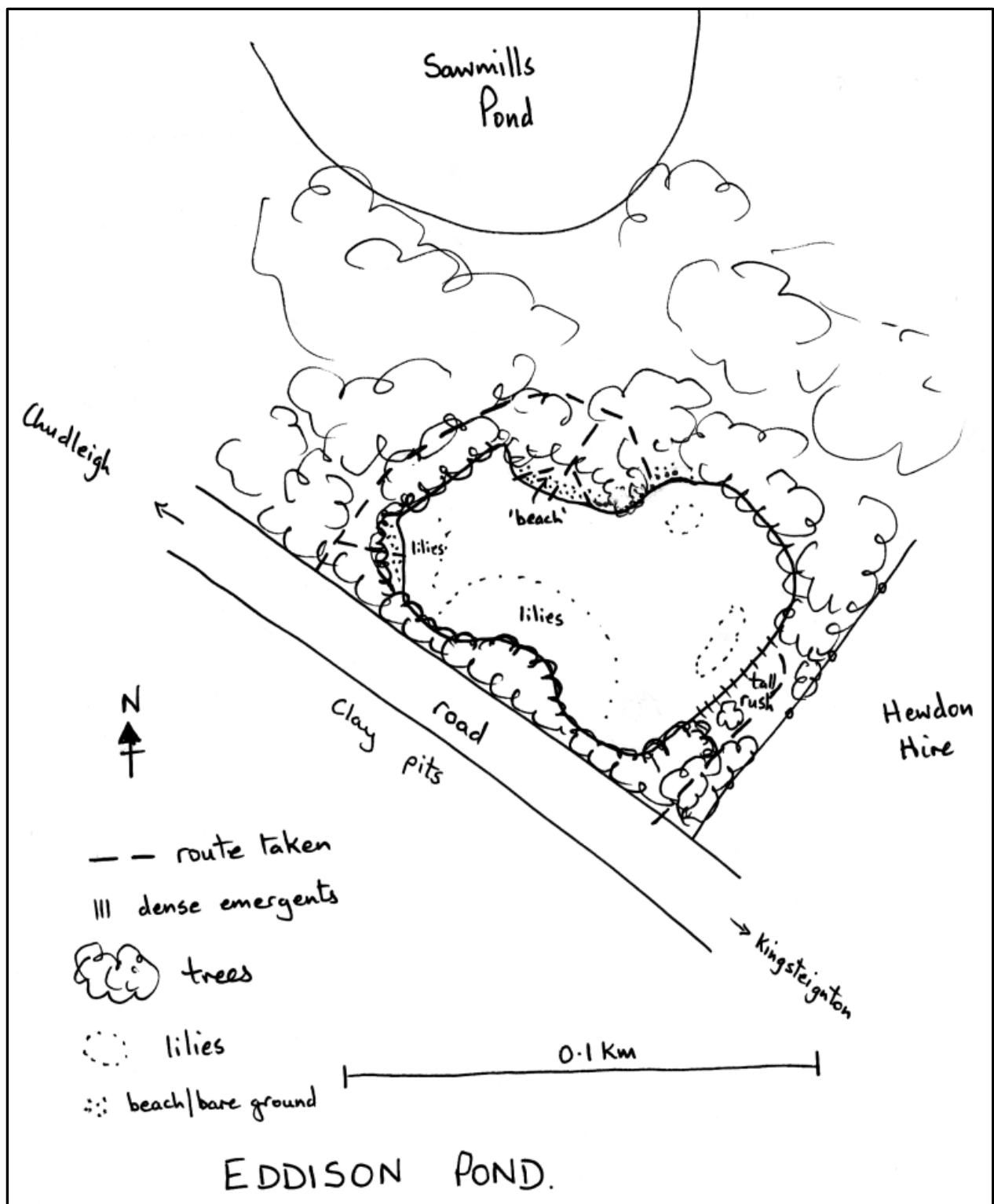
- Suspended clay.
- Overstocking with fish.

Management suggestions

- Clear the suspended clay.
- Plant or encourage more emergent and submerged vegetation.
- Remove or coppice some bankside trees.
- Reduce fish population.

Eddison Pond (= immediately west of Depot)





(from 1995 survey)