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They can be small and simple, such as the hard-plastic, pre-formed molds available at large home improvement stores, or they can be large, fancy natural bodies of water. Either way, they are always fun to watch and relatively easy to maintain. Types of Ponds Ponds come in a variety of sizes and types. Some ponds are created when a hole is dug out on a piece of property to make a foundation for the home. The hole is filled with water, maintained with rainwater and becomes home to all manner of wildlife. Some are naturally occurring ponds built by Mother Nature and left to fill naturally with water, flora and fauna. Others are small, man-made ponds created by sinking a hard molded plastic shell into a dug-out hole, equipped with a filter and fountain and carefully tended to with chemicals to maintain the right balance of pH, nitrites, nitrates and chlorine. All these ponds can be pressed into service as a home for koi, goldfish and other species of small, amphibious critters. Fish Koi and goldfish are closely related. They are both members of the carp family with origins in China more than 2, years ago. They have the same dietary and environmental needs and are both easy to care for as long as the water in which they live is maintained within a healthy balance of pH and chemicals, kept clean and clear and the algae strictly controlled. There are a number of products available, both chemical and biological, that can help you keep your pond, and the fish that make it their home, a safe and happy place. Stocking Your Pond When stocking your pond for the first time, choose small, juvenile fish since they are far less expensive than full-grown koi. Feed them a high-quality pond fish diet and equip the pond with an efficient filter. If you live in an area with wide temperature extremes, such as cold, harsh winters and warm, humid summers, the pond should be very deep so the fish can dive deep to escape colder water and shaded to afford respite from the hot sun. Shading will also keep direct sun off the pond, which is an important strategy in avoiding algae, which can ruin your pond and kill your fish. Supplies Your supplies should include a net for pulling debris or dead fish from the pond and pond decor that affords the fish places to hide. Real plants provide oxygen and keep the pond free of bacteria while helping to fight algae blooms. Provide a stone or gradient for a hapless frog or mouse to use to find its way out if it falls in the water. Use goldfish flakes for smaller fish, and pellets as they grow larger. Invest in a good pond filter, and change the filter and charcoal every three to four months. Add algaecides as necessary to avoid algae or to kill existing algae blooms. If the pond is in proximity of sprinklers that use city water, check the levels of chlorine, nitrites and nitrates in the water on a weekly basis. The presence of a functioning fountain and natural evaporation, however, usually keep chlorine levels in check. Adding a few algae-eaters, two or three for every 10 gallons, will also help keep algae under control.

Chapter 2 : The Fight Against Pond Algae

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That either feed on the pond algae or feed on the nutrients the pond algae needs. As a temporary measure, a supply of water fleas can be introduced. These tiny crustaceans mainly feed on pond algae, but remember they will not get rid of the cause of pond algae. Another tiny crustacean, known as cyclops because of its one eye, swims in the same jerky fashion as the water fleas, but looks like an elongated pear. Both of these crustaceans have two purpose, one to eat pond algae and second live food for the fish and will multiply rapidly in an established pond. Valuable assistance in coping with pond algae will come from aquatic snails. They should always be present. Not only do they multiply, and provide a reserve supply of food for the fish, but they are scavengers. Devour discarded fish food, as well as dead worms and other animal matter. Some snails are partial to plants, but the Rams horn snail can be relied on to its job with out too much harm to plants. The fight against pond algae. Freshwater shrimp will dispose decaying animal matter. And will be eaten by the fish if they can catch them. These crustaceans are used to taking risks like this and are good at keeping away from their predators. Under certain conditions they can breed in abundance and should be able to hold there own in the war of the waters. Tadpoles of frogs and toads are useful scavengers. At first they have a vegetarian diet, but later become carnivorous, quickly disposing animal matter lying about. Doing their part in the fight against pond algae. Tadpoles are common in spring but, by early summer they will have matured and leave the water. They will continue to help in the garden getting rid of caterpillars and other pests. Did you know a tadpole will always be a tadpole unless they receive sunlight. If all food is not eaten, the food will decay, generating a fungus that will harm the that will harm the fish. Freshwater Mussels against pond algae. Mussels will clarify the water by continually filter water threw their siphons, extracting particles of animal and vegetable matter. In a very small pond they may use up the food supply and die. Small ones may be left for the scavengers but, a Swan mussel can reach eight inches and could stink up the area. The Duck mussels too can become large. Large enough to dislodge lightly rooted plants as they move about. Crayfish are another source to clean up the pond and are food for the larger fish. Other sources to remove algae would be fish. Tilapia will eat algae but be aware of the local regulations on all fish and creatures you add to your pond. Some may be prohibited and others may not survive your climate, such as Tilapia will die when the water drops below 60 degrees. Now your thinking oh my all those little creature in my pond? Look hard some may be there already helping to fight against pond algae.

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There are a variety of different things you can do to protect your pond fish from predation. Pond Predators are in every region, every state, and most every situation, with the rare exception of an indoor pond. One of the most elusive and possibly the most notorious pond predator you may ever encounter is the mighty Blue Heron. There are many other predators that specifically prey upon your pond fish, including but is certainly not limited to; raccoons, night herons, green herons, egrets, the opossum and sadly enough, sometimes humans. Skunks, coyotes, bobcats, cougars, mountain lions, bears, hawks, owls, cats, and dogs are often accused of premeditated malice and mayhem to Koi and goldfish populations, but in their defense, I would have to say that most of the time they are falsely accused as pond predators. Frogs, aquatic snails, semi-aquatic turtles and aquatic plants are relished by many of the pond predators on that list. The simple and quick fix to deter most pond predation from the predators on this list, is the installation of a Scarecrow Motion Detector. The Scarecrow Motion Detector is incredibly easy to install and is extremely effective at deterring pond predators. The Scarecrow Motion Detector is a safe and humane method of keeping a variety of pond predators away from you pond both day and night. Install your Scarecrow Motion Detector in minutes and sleep easy each night, knowing that you have an effective line of defense to protect your pond fish from falling prey to the modern day Pterodactyl of our wonderful fish pond hobby. The installation of these additional products are frequently considered as pro-active steps to deter pond predators in your pond. They include but are certainly not limited to; pond netting, heron decoys and alligator decoys. Seasonal Pond Predator Considerations Ornamental ponds have the potential to fall prey to pond predators year round however there are times of the year when you will want to be on the top of your game. We get dozens of phone calls in the fall right around the end of September into early October, to inquire about an unusually large bird hanging around their pond. After I break the news, you can only imagine the horror on the face of the person that has no idea the bird is actually there too hunt their fish! Let me just give everyone a friendly warning right here and now. However, make no mistake about it, these birds are everywhere and when they are on the move and migrating, they just might pit stop at your pond for a little snack; your favorite Koi or goldfish! Do yourself and your fish a favor and take a couple of precautions to deter these pesky pond predators. Other methods to deter the feathered fish eating pond predators include putting a net over the pond, stringing piano wire above the pond, installing a patio-style cover, installing fish tunnels or caves in your pond for the fish to hide in, putting a dog on patrol next to the pond 24 hours a day, by designing bigger, deeper ponds and I have even heard contrary to my belief, that the alligator decoy and the blue heron decoy works wonders, even here in California! Personal Predator Moment Now, let me share with you one of my scariest personal pond predator moments! Several years ago, I was awakened just before dawn by my dogs outside barking frantically. I ran outside, in my skivvies no doubt, around the bend, approached my pond and standing in the top shelf of my pond was this humongous, Great Blue Heron! My heart immediately sank. I waved my arms, yelling at the top of my lungs and just before this bird, possibly The Spawn of Satan Himself, displayed this massive wing span of over SIX FEET, the bird glanced back at me as it lifted off. To add intensity to the already intense moment, the bird had to swoop in a downward motion, towards me, to navigate below the limbs of the tree as a part of its getaway plan! Further solidifying my doubt of the myth, that a statue of a Heron will protect your fish from predation by the Heron! As you can only imagine, I dropped to my stomach in the cold wet dirt, remember in my skivvies! Just think what the early bird joggers thought! Yes, this pond is in my front yard. It may seem like these nasty water fowl pond predators, i. I personally have had the most success keeping these pesky birds away with the use of a motion detector sprinkler device called, a Scarecrow. Be sure you have a working Scarecrow motion detector for every square feet of surface area in your water feature to deter predators from hunting your scaled pets that deliver so much tranquility to you year round. Understand that by design the Blue Heron hunts fish; that by design, camouflage extremely well, in natural ponds, lakes, rivers and streams

with sometimes little to no visibility in the water! So you see why a small pond, with brightly colored fish, in crystal clear, two-foot deep water is like a dream meal for these birds. The very latest breaking news I have on these crafty birds habits are hunting your ponds on the full moon cycle! These birds are crepuscular, which I always thought meant that they were by your pond hunting at dawn and dusk! The actual meaning of crepuscular is; active in the twilight! I now have record of a Great Blue Heron hunting right here in Redlands at The day that you forget to turn your Scarecrow Motion Detectors on, turn off the water source or your battery dies, the Blue Heron or similar bird of prey will be there to capitalize on your forgetfulness. The Pond Predator Help Hotline is

Chapter 4 : How to Get Rid of Otters in a Pond

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Without plants a pond can quickly be overrun with algae and be unfit for fish, while snails help to dispose of algae, fish waste and other decaying matter. Care should be taken when choosing snails and plants for a pond, however, as some can be detrimental. Pond Snails Aquatic snails such as the cornucopia snail *Melania tuberculata* and mystery snail *Pomacea cuprina* are often desired by pond owners because they are known as scavengers that eat algae as well as decaying plant and animal material in the pond water. Some water garden suppliers recommend placing snails in new ponds before other organisms because of the bacteria and other microbes that the snails bring with them; these microbes help begin the nutrient cycle and play an important part in making a pond ecosystem self-sufficient. Submerged Plants Fully submerged pond plants such as waterweed *Elodea canadensis* and coontail *Ceratophyllum demersum* are known as oxygenators due to their role in supplying oxygen that helps support plant and animal life in the pond. The plants have roots that anchor them to the bottom of the pond, but the roots are not used to take in nutrients as the roots of land plants are. Instead, these plants receive all of their nutrients through their branches and leaves from the water around them. Oxygen released by these plants replenishes the oxygen that fish and other organisms filter out of the pond water. Anchored Floating Plants The plants often thought of as "floating" plants are actually anchored by roots to the pond bottom or planted in weighted baskets because only a portion of the plant actually floats. The trailing roots of these plants absorb nutrients from the water while holding the floating portion of the plant in place. Some of these floating plants such as yellow pondlily *Nuphar polysepala* produce flowers, while others simply produce broad leaves that float on the pond surface. The roots of these plants are thin like hairs, taking in some nutrients from the water and assisting with water clarification. Though floating plants tend to be small to medium-size, they often grow rapidly. The roots require shallow water or mud for the plant to flourish, but the body of the plant grows in much the same way as plants on dry land. Nutrients are taken in by the roots while the leaves of the plants use sunlight for photosynthesis. Many marginal plants such as the Western blue flag iris *Iris missouriensis* produce flowers, and some such as "Golden Goddess" bamboo *Bambusa multiplex* can grow to be very tall. Benefits Snails and aquatic plants can both be important in supporting a pond ecosystem and preventing excessive algae growth. Both the snails and the plants prevent fish waste and decaying organic material from causing a buildup of hazardous gases in the water that might otherwise kill fish and other animal life. Plants in particular take in carbon dioxide and other gases as part of their life cycle while releasing oxygen into the water. Floating plants and other large-leaved water plants provide shade for fish and other organisms and compete with algae for resources to keep algae growth in check. Concerns While some snails and aquatic plants are beneficial when placed in your pond, not all are. Many snails are omnivores, eating beneficial plants in addition to the plant and animal material that they scavenge and may come on land to eat flowers and garden plants as well. Some aquatic plants such as the water hyacinth *Eichhornia crassipes* and the creeping water-primrose *Ludwigia hexapetala* are invasive species that can overrun native plants and may actually hurt water quality; this is especially problematic with true floaters as they can move to new bodies of water through runoff or connecting streams.

Ponds are home to a diverse array of animals including water striders. The majority of creatures that live on a pond, however, are insects and amphibians.

Factsheet Ponds A pond is a small area of still, fresh water. It is different from a river or a stream because it does not have moving water and it differs from a lake because it has a small area and is no more than around 1. What is a Pond? A pond is a small area of still, fresh water. Pond Plants If a pond is to be a successful habitat it must have native plants growing in it. They provide food, oxygen and shelter for the animals. Green plants need sunlight to make their food photosynthesis so a pond in the open will be more successful than one in the shade. The smallest plants in a pond are the microscopic phytoplankton and these provide most of the food in a pond. Plant-eating animals – the herbivores – eat the plants and the herbivores are eaten by carnivores meat eating animals. Pond vegetation grows in areas called zones. Plants such as great willowherb and meadowsweet grow in the bankside zone: The emergent plants grow nearest to the pond edge in the marsh zone e. These fringing plants provide good hiding places for some pond animals such as young frogs, and the tall stems are used by dragonfly nymphs when they climb out of the water before emerging as an adult. In the aquatic zone live the truly aquatic plants. Some of them float on the surface with tiny roots dangling in the water e. Others have their roots buried in the mud at the bottom of the pond and their leaves float on the surface e. Then there are fully submerged plants such as starwort and spiked water milfoi. These produce most of the oxygen so it is important that they receive plenty of sunlight oxygen is produced during photosynthesis. If the plants on the surface are completely covering the pond then some of them should be pulled out or the submerged plants will suffer. Some species of pond plants, such as the water-violet, are becoming very rare indeed. Life in a Pond A pond is a fascinating habitat to study, a good one teeming with a great variety of both animal and plant life. The community all the species of animals and plants present in one pond may be quite different from that in another, even if the ponds are close together. This is because most pond animals cannot travel from one pond to another. Also the water temperature, oxygen content, water cleanliness and the material of the pond bottom have an influence on the kind of life present. In any pond it is essential that there is a balance of different kinds of organisms so that there is enough food for them all to live and reproduce. Pond Animals More than 1, species of animals live in ponds – although you are unlikely to find all of them in any single pond. Almost every group of living creature is represented, except starfish which live only in the sea. In a large pond you may find mammals such as water voles and water shrews – and birds like ducks, herons and kingfishers. Even the smallest pond will have a population of amphibians frogs, toads and newts , small fish e. Some of these are herbivores such as water fleas and snails, whereas others are aggressive carnivores, hunting down their prey, the unfortunate herbivores! One of the largest invertebrate predators in a pond is the great diving beetle – no tadpole is safe when one of these hunters is around! Find out about another pond dwelling creature on our factsheet Dragonflies. Many different food chains are to be found in a pond because each animal eats different things. Endangered Pond Animals As with any habitat, if ponds are in danger of disappearing then it follows that the wildlife in them is also endangered. The great-crested newt and natterjack toad are the two officially endangered species of amphibian, but even the common frog is not nearly so common as it used to be. Of these, 2 are endangered, 6 are vulnerable, and 6 are near threatened. The natterjack toad and the common frog are also classified by the IUCN as least concern. The water was used by both humans and animals but as technology advanced and water became available at the turn of a tap, many ponds were neglected. Since most ponds were man-made, when abandoned by humans they were taken over by nature; plants at the edges took over where there were no farm animals to trample them down and some ponds ended up as marshy bogs. Fallen leaves choked ponds and the oxygen vital for pond-life, was used up as they decayed. Other ponds have been destroyed by pollution or drained and filled in to make way for buildings and farmlands. Ponds of our countryside are an endangered habitat. Pollution of Ponds The water in a pond must remain clean if it is to provide a healthy environment for the organisms animals and plants living in it. The most noticeable kind of pollution is the dumping of rubbish – anything from old cars and drinks

cans to bikes and bottles have been found cluttering up ponds. This not only makes the environment look so unsightly but it may also destroy pond-life. Perhaps the most serious threat to ponds is chemical pollution as a result of modern farming methods. Over the years fields have been sprayed with pesticides to rid the crops of pests. However, rain often washes the excess chemicals off the crops into nearby ponds, streams or rivers, poisoning some of the animals living there. Fortunately, these poisonous chemicals are not used so freely now and, hopefully, this problem will gradually be reduced. Another, equally serious, problem connected with agriculture is the use of artificial fertilisers. Powdery chemical fertilisers, containing nitrates, are put on the crops to help their growth but they can also be washed off by rain into nearby ponds. They do not poison the wildlife but the rich supply of nitrogen causes the water plants, especially algae, to grow very quickly. The plants use up so much oxygen during the night and during decaying processes that there is none left for the other pond-life. The growth also prevents sunlight reaching the organisms below. Eventually, all the algae die leaving a smelly, decaying mass. The case of excess nitrates in water is called eutrophication.

Protection of Ponds - How can you help? We can all help ponds and their wildlife in some way. Here are a few practical ideas: If you think a pond needs improvement e. It is best to ask for advice and help on pond management from professional organisations. The British Trust for Conservation Volunteers BTCV organises practical work in the countryside for young people and it devotes special attention to the restoration and conservation of ponds: Your local Wildlife Trust may be able to help you too. By the way, ponds can be deep, so take great care and never go alone! Pond-dipping is a lot of fun and a good way of finding out just what is living in a pond. A wide variety of creatures would indicate that a pond was healthy. However, always remember that the most important thing is the safety of the animals. Return them to the pond as soon as you have finished studying them. It is fascinating to collect frog or toad spawn to watch it hatch. If you keep a few tadpoles to observe their development, look after them carefully and return them to their pond when they have grown legs. For more information see our factsheet: Care of Tadpoles and Frog Spawn below. Create your own pond: These are obviously much appreciated by animals such as frogs and dragonflies whose countryside ponds are disappearing. A garden pond designed with wildlife in mind is an exciting and worthwhile project to undertake and not difficult if you have someone to help you. You will be surprised just how quickly animals are attracted to the newly-filled pond. Other garden residents will welcome the water for bathing and drinking. You may have birds, hedgehogs, mice, foxes and bats making good use of your pond. A seasonal diary of pond events makes a good project. For more information about making your own pond visit our Making a pond factsheet below. If you already have a pond please help Pond Conservation by taking part in the Big Pond Dip and help find out what is living in garden and school ponds.

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I have a gallon pond with 5 koi, 3 orfes, 8 goldfish, 3 rosy reds, and 7 tadpoles. I have algae all over my pumps tubes and would like to know if there is a good algae eater you can put in a pond that can survive the winter. i dont have the space for another tank or pond for it during the winter.

Information about how to catch a otter - remove one stuck in the house. Information about otter repellent - analysis of types and effectiveness. Otters are sleek and streamlined, their bodies created for efficient movement in the water. These semi-aquatic animals can grow to be six feet in length and can weigh as much as one hundred pounds. The short legs of the otter end in webbed feet with sharp claws. Most species boast a long, powerful tail, used for propulsion in the water. Otters are usually brown in color. Their coats are made of two layers. The outer layer insulates the inner layer with a cushion of air, preventing the softer hair from getting wet. Most otters have small ears, small eyes, and large noses. They have a thick padding of fat in the cheek area to prevent serious injury from any of their prey animals. Otter Habitat and Behavior: Otters are found on almost every continent. The exceptions are Antarctica and Australia. Because of the dependence on water for survival, otters are never found more than a few yards away from their aquatic homes unless they are travelling between areas. Most species of otter live in areas with a current, though a few types live in swamps and marshes. Otter habitats are often made up of a variety of activity locations. The den itself will have an underwater entrance. The tunnel will then slope upward to a burrow that is above the flood level. This is the area the otter will spend time sleeping and raising young. Other areas in an otter habitat include rolling places or flat areas where the otter grooms itself. Grooming is very important in otter life. The insulating properties of the hair coat are only maintained through rigorous cleaning. Slides are found at various points along the body of water. These quick points of access are usually smooth paths down a muddy slope, though otters will often create slides out of snow during the winter months. Spraint areas are used as bathrooms. Runways are the most common characteristic of an otter home, connecting small or large bodies of water together. Otters tolerate one another, forming group hierarchies based on the most desirable living areas. These groups are separated by sex, with females and males only seen together for any length of time during the mating season. There is no obvious animosity between groups, and both a male and a female group can occupy the same area. Some otters, such as the River Otter, are mostly solitary. Otters live near water because it provides them with everything they needâ€”including food. They are carnivorous, and most species eat a variety of fish, amphibians, shellfish, crabs, and other aquatic creatures. If opportunity presents itself, an otter will eat a rabbit, bird, or rodent that ventures near the water. They must eat at least fifteen percent of their body weight daily to maintain the ability to keep warm while in the water for extended periods of time. Some species lay on their backs, using their chests as tables for dissecting food. Otters are mischievous by nature and this makes them ingenious when it comes to creating problems in human environments. The most common issues with otters center on specialty facilities being invaded by the hungry mammals. Otters in fish hatcheries, stocked ponds, or private waterways can wreak havoc in a short amount of time. Otter waste can also be an issue around a home or business. Otters are a surprising vector for many animal-to-animal diseases, only a few of which are transmissible to humans. Rabies is very rare in otters, but this disease should be mentioned due to its severity. Like other aquatic animals, otters can spread giardia, the protozoan that causes gastrointestinal upset in humans. Leptospirosis, another disease the can harbor in water, affects kidney function and is often asymptomatic until the disease has progressed beyond redemption. Otters pose a risk to pets by transmitting diseases such as canine distemper, canine parvovirus, and feline rhinotracheitis. This site is intended to provide otter education and information, so that you can make an informed decision if you need to deal with a otter problem. This site provides many otter control articles and strategies, if you wish to attempt to solve the problem yourself. If you are unable to do so, which is likely with many cases of otter removal, please go to the home page and click the USA map, where I have wildlife removal experts listed in over cites and towns, who can properly help you with your nuisance otter.

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By just selecting specific pond fish, you can easily control the amount of algae that grows in your backyard pond. Algae is a green film that is the result of a collection of microscopic plants that contain chlorophylla, and it is part of any type of pond. Algae live and grow in stagnant water and can quickly fill an entire pond if the conditions are right and nothing is done to prevent it. How Algae Grows Algae grows in small ponds for a number of reasons. When the pond is exposed to lots of sunlight, or there are high levels of nitrate in the water, algae will grow. Hot and humid weather will also usher in algae growth, especially when the water is stagnant without any filter. If there are any decaying leaves in the pond, or if there is a lack of aquatic plants, algae can thrive as well. One way to keep algae under control is through introducing algae-eating pond fish into your pond. Pond Snail While this animal is not really a fish, they do a great job at eating built-up algae. They are also quite hearty and can withstand temperatures close to freezing. When the amount of algae in the pond gets high, these snails will immediately set to work on it. Siamese Algae Eater These fish can reach lengths of up to six to eight inches and work well with other fish. They will eat a wide variety of different algae from clumps to single strands, and they will not eat other aquatic plants. Unlike pond snails, they are sensitive to temperature and must be kept in waters that are around 70 degrees Fahrenheit or above. Common Plecostomus A large fish for pond standards, reaching lengths of up to 12 inches or more, this fish thrives on algae. They are commonly found in many pet stores and can handle waters that are close to 50 to 55 degrees Fahrenheit. They react well with other fish, but may attach themselves to fish that are a little larger than they are. Chinese Algae Eater Another large pond fish, growing up to 11 inches in length, the Chinese Algae Eater is a finicky eater when it comes to algae. If there are any clumps of algae, or algae that is attached to rocks, plants, or sides of the pond, then this fish will eat it. However, because of their size, they can be aggressive towards other fish species, so take time doing your research. Testing different pond fish to find out which ones they coincide nicely with will help a great deal. Flying Fox A medium-sized fish, the Flying Fox is well-mannered when it comes to getting along with different species, but this fish has also been known to chase around its own species. They will eat large clumps of algae as it is forming to keep your pond fresh and clear. They are a warm weather pond fish that like their water above 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Gold Nugget Pleco Not only a nice fish to look at but a great pond fish for keeping algae clean from the surface of the water, the Gold Nugget Pleco can grow to over eight inches in length and is a good tempered fish. However, the water must be kept warm, above 70 degrees Fahrenheit, in order for the fish to survive.

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Pond Life Animal Printouts. Ponds are teeming with both animal and plant life. Some animals live in the water (fish, crayfish, tadpoles, etc.), some live above the water (ducks, insects, etc.), and others live in the area surrounding the pond (raccoons, earthworms, etc.).

Some types of fish, however, eat pond algae. These fish are usually bottom-feeders. The best place to find information on species that fit your needs and region is your local fish provider, pet store, or hatchery. These sources can provide information about space requirements, habitats and climate. One natural way of controlling unwanted growth in your pond is with fish that eat pond algae. Catfish Catfish are one of the most well-known and appreciated algae eaters in ponds, rivers, and tributaries throughout many regions. The catfish comes in a variety of species. The most identifiable characteristic is the long whisker-like tendrils that extend from its front facial area. The catfish is an efficient algae eater and tends to avoid other fish. Occasionally, however, this species may tend to be a bit aggressive. When algae run low, some catfish, namely channel catfish, will look to prey on smaller species. Goldfish Goldfish are a favorite in smaller fish ponds. Their attractive scale color, pleasant expression, and easy maintenance, make this an ideal species for most any pond. They accent garden ponds and Asian-style ponds while helping in their maintenance. This fish is a relative of the carp. Goldfish tend to be cheaper than their close relative koi, but tend to bring disease. It is possible for one fish to spread disease and wipe out an entire population. Koi This fish is hardy and accommodating for most any small pond. Some refer to the koi as a colorful carp. If your fish pond is larger, be wary of birds, namely the great blue heron. That species loves to feed on koi, and once your pond is discovered as a meal provider, you will have this additional challenge. This algae eater will add color to your pond as koi tend to sport white and orange, while goldfish are all golden orange and carp are plain gray. Amphibians and Shrimp Tadpoles and shrimp also are algae eaters. Tadpoles are amphibians and algae, in addition to insect larvae, are one of their most basic food sources. Providers The best places to go for your fish are fish hatcheries, pet stores, and fish stores. Stores are more readily available in urban areas while hatcheries are near state parks and more rural locations.

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