

What waterbugs can you find?



Name: _____ Date: _____

Waterbody: _____

The waterbugs (aquatic macroinvertebrates) found can indicate the health of a waterbody. Sample your site and tick the circle if you find the waterbug. Waterbugs have different sensitivities to pollution and changes, and therefore different SIGNAL* scores.

Very Sensitive **8-10** Sensitive **5-7** Tolerant **3-4** Very tolerant **1-2**

*SIGNAL – Stream Invertebrate Grade Number – Average Level

How healthy is your waterbody? = $\frac{\text{Total of waterbug SIGNAL values}}{\text{Number of different waterbugs}}$ = =

Waterway Health Score: > 6 Excellent 5 to 6 Very good 4 to 5 Poor < 4 Very poor

The size of waterbugs are not to scale.

IN AMONGST PLANTS

IN AMONGST WOODY HABITAT

IN OPEN WATER

IN AMONGST COBBLES/ROCKS

