



Information Sheet D

Does Our School have Any Protected Species?

While you are carrying out the wildlife audit for your school, it is very important that you find out if you have any protected species of animals or plant in your school grounds. If you have, these need to be specially protected.

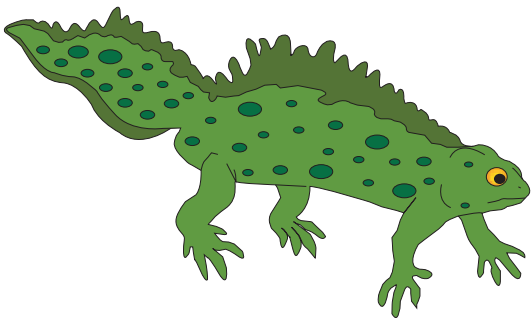
Tree Preservation Orders (TPO)

It is important to know if any trees at your school have special protection by a Tree Preservation Order or TPO. If a tree on your site has a TPO it means that it has special legal protection and it is an offence to interfere with it in any way without permission from your local council. Any type of tree can have this protection and the aim is to protect trees that have a significant impact on their surroundings. Your local council can tell you if you have any trees that are protected.

What is a protected species?

A protected species is an animal or plant that is declining in numbers and is legally protected to make sure that it doesn't die out.

Examples of protected animal species that you might find in your school grounds:



Bats

Great crested newts

Adder

Natterjack toad

For a full list of protected species in the UK,
see www.jncc.gov.uk

