

GREAT CRESTED NEWTS



The Great Crested Newt (Triturus cristatus) is the largest and the rarest of the 3 species of newts found in the UK. There are now thought to be only 360,000 left and, despite conservation programmes, its numbers have been declining rapidly over the past thirty years due to loss of habitat.

habitats are protected by law.

Great Crested Newts and their









AVOID PROSECUTION:

• intentionally or recklessly kill, injure, capture, trade or even to disturb a

Great Crested Newt. damage, destroy or obstruct habitats where Great Crested Newts

live or breed. Prosecution could lead to a fine of up to £5000 per newt affected







Grows to around 170mm in length MALE with a rough, granular skin Jagged crest on the back with a

Vivid orange or yellow belly has an irregular pattern of black spots or blotches.

Back and flanks are brownish black

with darker spots.

SUITABLE HABITAT Ponds and very slow moving watercourses.

Woodland, scrub, hedgerows, rough grass

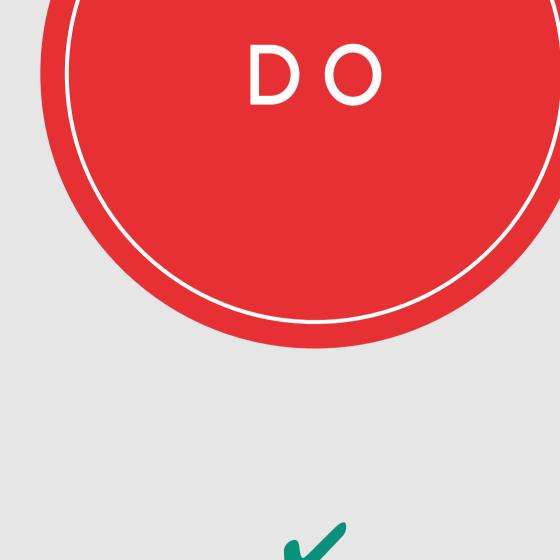
land and derelict sites surrounding ponds

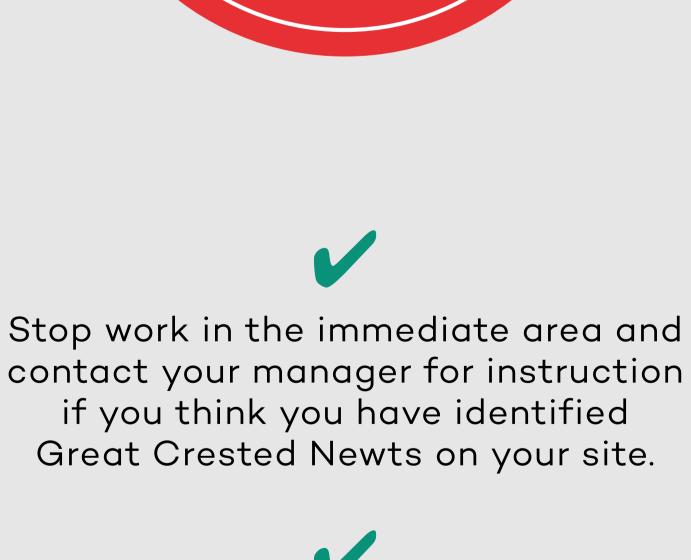
and watercourses.

smoother edged crest above and below the tail. White, silver or grey stripe running

from the tail tip, fading as it reaches the abdomen. FEMALE

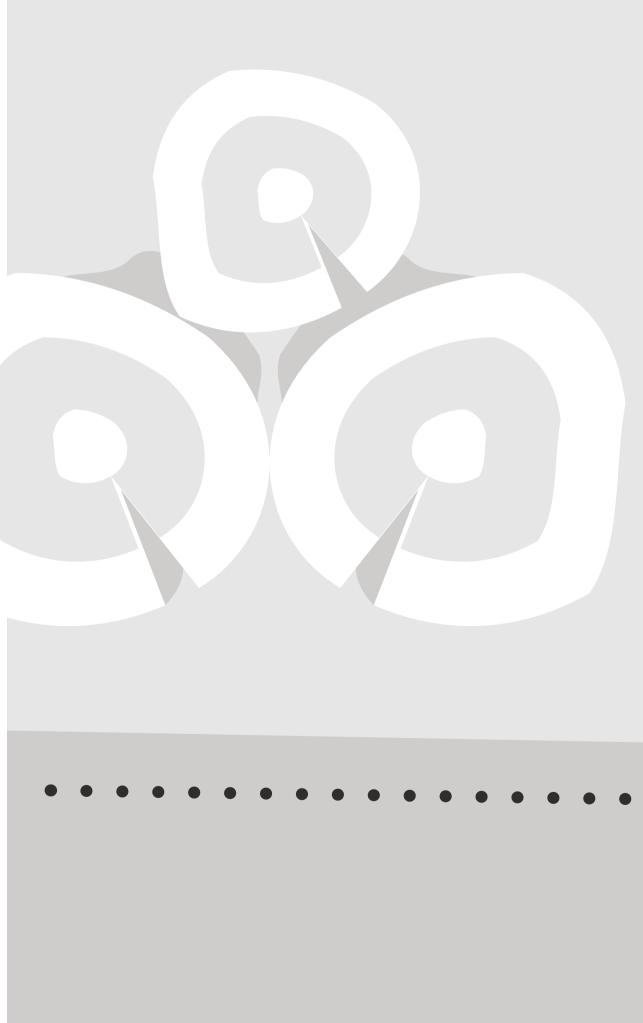
Does NOT have a crest. Yellow-orange stripe running along the lower edge of the tail.





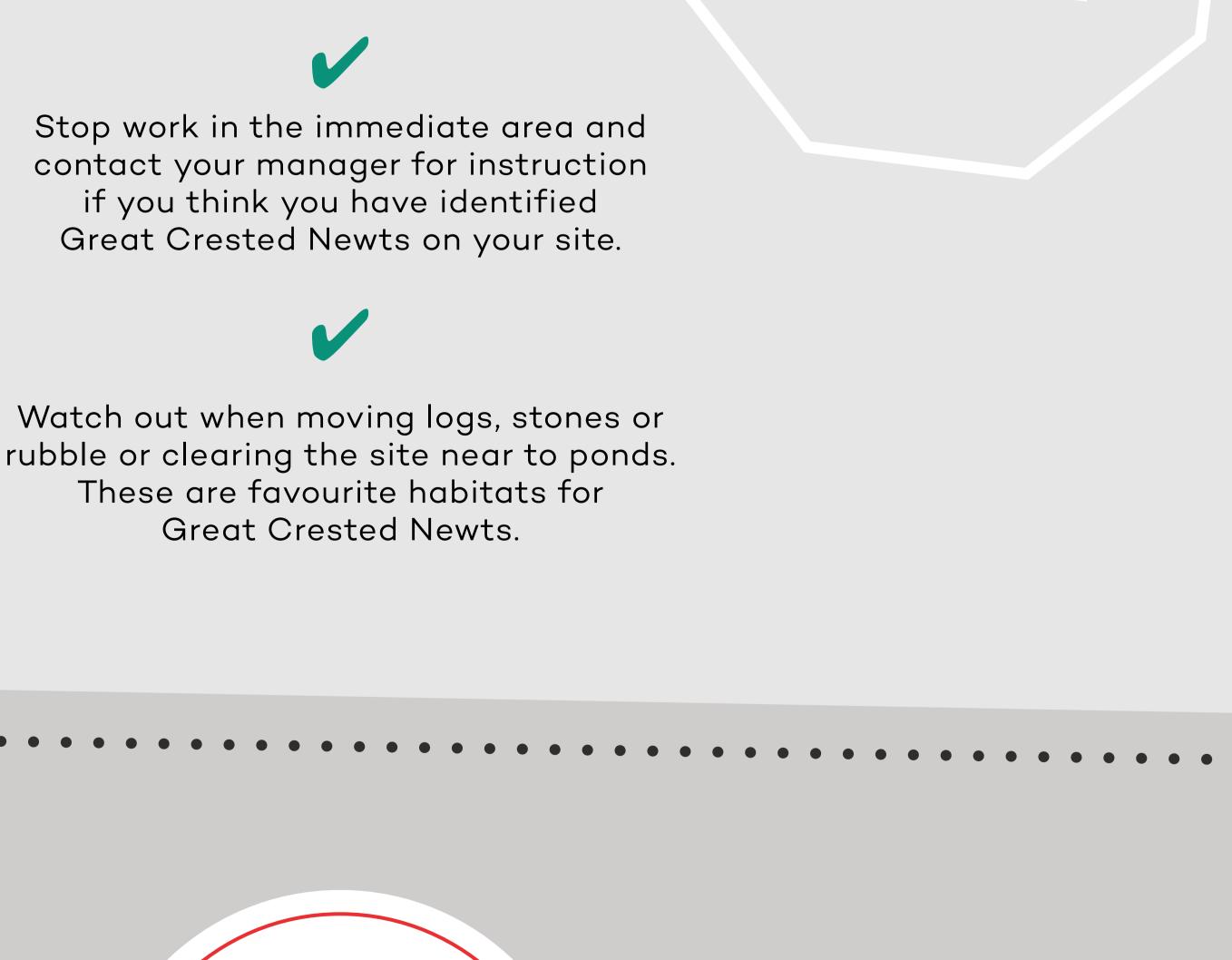
These are favourite habitats for

Great Crested Newts.

















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