

# POND LIFE

Ponds provide a habitat (home) for lots of species like newts, fish, insects, birds and many more. Let's have a look at one animal in more detail... the dragonfly!

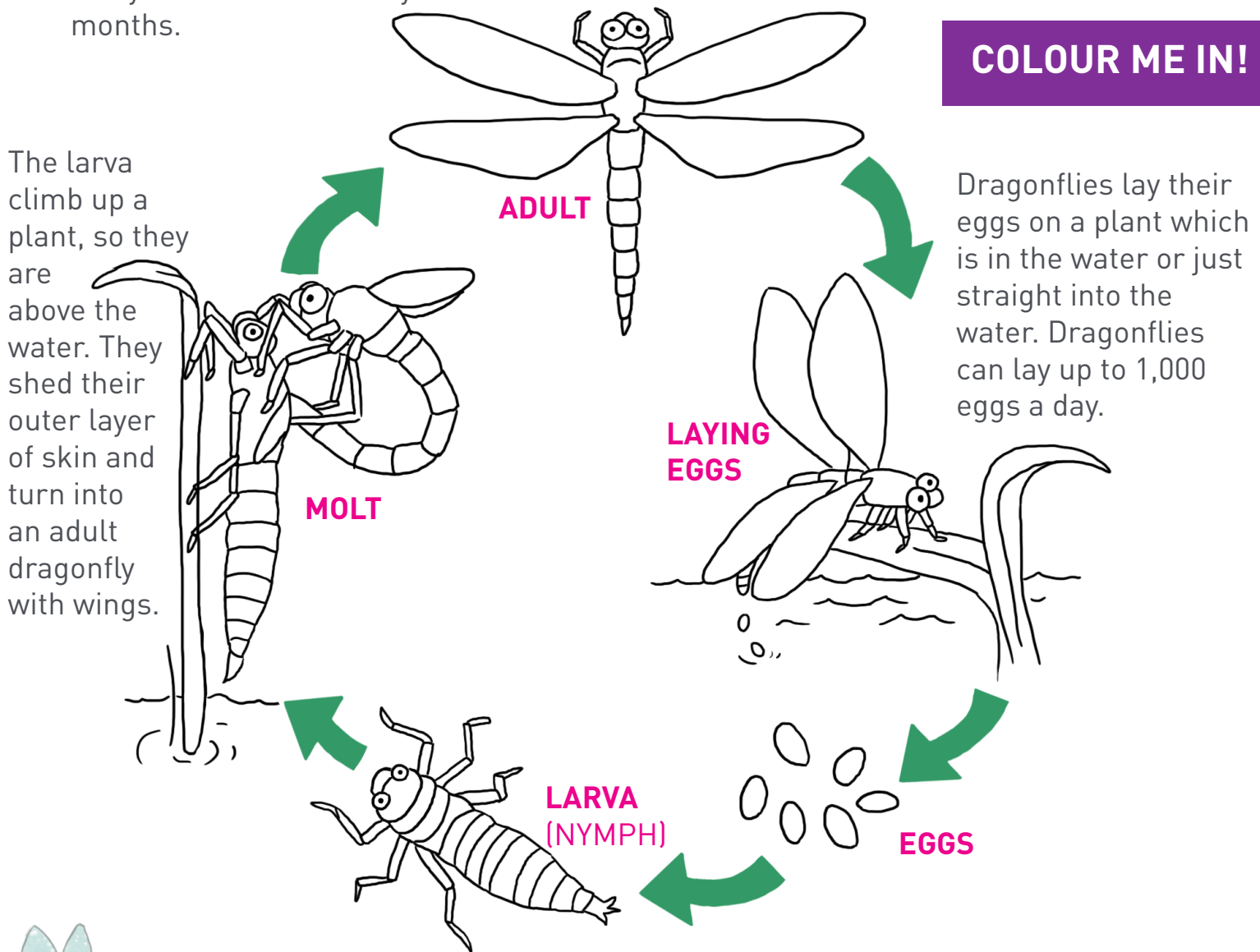


Adult - Different Dragonflies are alive for different times. Some live up to 7 years but others only live for 6 months.

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The larva climb up a plant, so they are above the water. They shed their outer layer of skin and turn into an adult dragonfly with wings.

Dragonflies lay their eggs on a plant which is in the water or just straight into the water. Dragonflies can lay up to 1,000 eggs a day.



Once they hatch, the Dragonflies spend most of their lives in the 'larval' form which usually last one to two years.



Did you know? Most of our visitor sites have ponds which we take care of. These ponds are home to many different Dragonflies, newts and many more creatures. Come and take a look next time you are visiting us and see what you can spot!