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The organisms "Cicada, Froghopper and Pond skater" are : (a) Birds (b) Fish (c) Insects (d) Reptiles Official key: C.

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Explanation

(a)

Birds. Cicadas and pond skaters are not birds.

(b)

Fish. Froghoppers are not fish.

(c) Official key

Insects. Cicada, froghopper and pond skater are all insects.

(d)

Reptiles. None of the three is a reptile.

Summary

Official key is (c) insects. Cicadas and froghoppers are hemipterans; pond skaters (Gerridae) are bugs that walk on water. None is a bird, fish or reptile.

Related possible facts

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Hemiptera

True bugs; cicadas and froghoppers belong here.

Pond skater

Gerridae; uses surface tension to skate on still water.

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