

Subject: 'Nature Works' (Earth Centre, Denaby)  
Medium: Acrylic  
Size: A3 – 420 mm x 297 mm  
Working Time: 118 hours (Including research)  
Completed:

Comments: **All specimens either drawn or photograph by the illustrator.**  
Some areas work better than others for example the dragonfly nymph could have been better represented. Furthermore, the more colourful *Aeshna juncea* may have looked better than the reference *Aeshna grandis* .

Notes: NatureWorks: one of many attractions at the Millennium project 'EarthCentre' Funds were granted in 1995 to build on the remains of two collieries, Denaby Main and Cadeby by the River Don, South Yorkshire. The theme of this county park is to promote sustainable resources while employing some of the redundant miners. The centre failing to attract enough support closed in 2005.

**Specimens portrayed:**

Reed mace (Bulrush) *Typha latifolia*

Common Osier (Willow) *Salix viminalis*

Small Tortoiseshell *Aglais Urticae*

Honey Bee *Apis mellifera*

Water Mint *Mentha aquatica*

Brown Aeshna (Brown Hawker) *Aeshna grandis*

Smooth Newt *Triturus vulgaris*

Ten Spined Stickleback *Pungitius pungitius*/ Nine Spined Stickleback *Pungitius pungitius*

Dragonfly Nymph *Aeshna grandis*

Great Pond Snail *Lymnaea stagnalis*

Water Boatman *Notonecta glauca* <sup>1</sup>



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