

Greater Water Boatman (Family Notonectidae)

A Hemipteran bug (6 legs - swims on **back**)

Size: Up to 16mm

Mainly **carnivorous** – feeds on frog and newt tadpoles, fish fry and water fleas by stabbing them with pointed beak (rostrum) and sucking out their body fluids.

Breathes by a bubble of air trapped under wing cases and between hairs, replacing it by raising abdominal tip above surface.

Can inflict a painful bite and and their large red eyes can look forwards, downwards and backwards at the same time! Can also make a shrill noise by rubbing its front thighs against its head!

