

Kristy

is a pond skater! *Aquarius antigone*

Pond skaters, also called water striders, glide across the surface of water.

The pressure from their long legs creates small trough shapes in the water that do not break the surface - this is due to the **surface tension** of the water.

Tiny hairs on their feet called **microsetae** create a 'cushion' effect, making them **hydrophobic**.

Pond skaters communicate by making ripples on the water surface.

long legs & **hairy feet**

