

THE THREE MONTH POND

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Temporary ponds form anywhere the water does not drain away quickly or completely. Shallow depressions in pastures, cultivated fields or woodlands fill with water every year during spring thaw. The Island is dotted with these ponds, all highly variable in size, situation and longevity. For awhile they sparkle in the sunshine, and are replenished by spring showers and late snow storms. By early summer they are gone. Few humans give these ponds a second thought, except maybe the small child who regrets losing the opportunity to stomp through them in rubber boots or the farmer who undoubtedly breathes a sigh of relief when at last he can cultivate that piece of land.

