

FROGS



There are several species of Frogs in the UK, but the frog you see is by far most likely to be the Common Frog (*Rana temporaria*)

TOP FROG FACTS

- Common Frogs live up to 8 years in the wild!
- The Common Frog can breathe through its skin - and it does this when it hibernates for winter in the mud and silt at the bottom of ponds.
- Outside breeding season (Spring) Common Frogs mainly spend their time on land, not as much in ponds as you would think!
- Common Frogs lay up to 4000 eggs at a time in their 'spawn' - which looks like jelly. Only 5 out of every 2000 eggs will live to become adult frogs though. This is because both spawn and tadpoles are eaten by fish, birds and grass snakes

HOW TO RECOGNISE A COMMON FROG...

Fairly pointed nose

Nearly always has a dark spot behind the eye

Very variable in colour - can be all sorts of greens, browns, yellow and orange

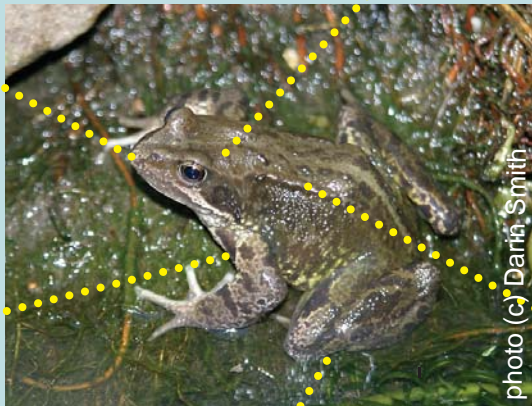


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Long legs for doing big jumps

6-7cm body length

Smooth skin that looks like it is wet

A Frog is different from a Toad because....

- Frogs jump, and toads hop
- Frogs have smooth skin and Toads have lumpy skin
- Frogs have a pointy nose than the Toads blunt rounded nose

