

# TOADS

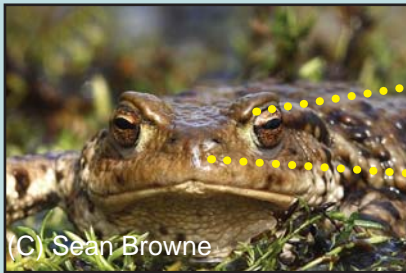


There are a few species of Toads in the UK, the Common Toad is most common and dominates Nottinghamshire, but in certain areas of the country you may come across the booming Natterjack Toad or the secretive small Midwife Toad. Both these Toads are pretty rare sightings though.

## TOP TOAD FACTS

- Common Toads live up to 40 in the wild!
- Only the male Common Toads 'croak'
- Common Toads can release a nasty liquid through their skin to stop other animals eat them. Hedgehogs and Grass Snakes, however, don't seem bothered and will eat them anyway.
- Common Toads often follow the same route to get to their breeding ground every year, regardless of whether barriers like roads have appeared in the way! Watch out for reports

## HOW TO RECOGNISE A COMMON TOAD...



Horizontal pupils

Rounded nose

(C) Sean Browne

Usually brown with darker markings. Occasionally very dark or red in colour



(c) Darin Smith

Legs are not particularly long

5-9cm body length

Rough, lumpy skin

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

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

