

FROGS OF BC'S SOUTH COAST

Does the frog have...

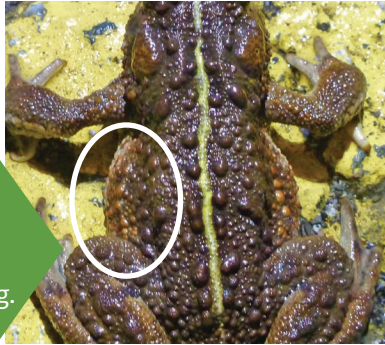
- many tough warts and
- a light-coloured line down its back?

Western Toad

Anaxyrus boreas

SPECIES AT RISK

- Lives on land in sheltered areas like forests.
- Swarms of tiny toadlets migrate in the spring.



Warts and line



NO

- prominent adhesive toepads on the front feet and
- a bandit-like eye mask?

Northern Pacific Treefrog

Pseudacris regilla

- Lives everywhere, even urban environments.
- Vocal frog whose colour ranges from brown to bright green.



Toepads and eye mask



NO

- skin ridges down either side of its back and
- no visible ear drum?

Northern Red-legged Frog

Rana aurora

SPECIES AT RISK

- Lives in moist habitats like ponds and forests.
- Known for its long legs with red undersides.



Skin ridges down back



NO

- eyes set back on the head and facing upward?

Oregon Spotted Frog

Rana pretiosa

SPECIES AT RISK

- Lives in water year round.
- Rarest frog in Canada.
- Easily confused with the Red-Legged Frog but lacks skin ridges on its back.



Eyes facing upwards



NO

FROGS OF BC'S SOUTH COAST – continued from front

Does the frog have...

- a tail (males only)?
- vertical pupils (like a cat)?

Coastal Tailed Frog

Ascaphus truei

SPECIES AT RISK

- Lives in or near fast moving mountain streams.
- Smallest frog in BC.



Vertical pupils



Photo Chris Lee

Tail (males only)

NO

- a large visible ear drum and
- skin ridges down either side of its back?

Green Frog

Rana clamitans

- Lives in ponds and wetlands everywhere.
- Sounds like a banjo and calls in the summer.

INVASIVE!



Ear drum & skin ridges



NO

- a large visible ear drum and
- no skin ridges on the back?

American Bullfrog

Rana catesbeiana

- Lives in ponds and wetlands everywhere.
- Voracious predator – eats native frogs!

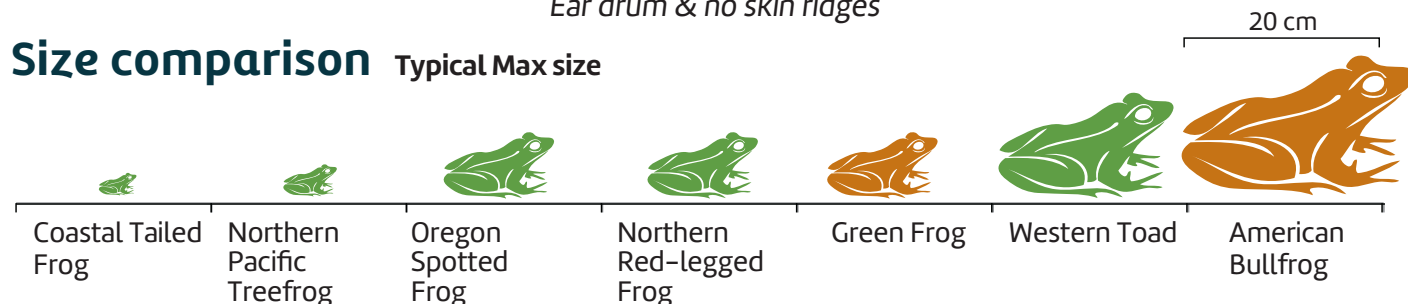
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Ear drum & no skin ridges



Size comparison Typical Max size



Don't be distracted by colour!

All these frogs come in different colours, so use the identifying features listed.

Share your sighting by sending a photo, or for more information contact outreach@fraservalleyconservancy.ca

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