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It's Not Easy Being Green

Okanagan amphibians need your help

Ponds, ditches and flooded areas on agricultural land can be important breeding sites for rare species in the Okanagan.

AT RISK



Spadefoot

Squat body, blunt head
& cat's eyes.

Length: < 3"

Egg mass: < 80 eggs

Call: loud snore



Spotted Frog

Golden lips, dark irregular
spots with light centers

length: < 3.5"

Egg mass: 1000's of eggs

Call: series of taps



Tiger Salamander

Distinct large yellow-
greenish blotches on dark
background, wide round
head, small eyes

Length: < 13"

If you see a Species **AT RISK**, call the hotline at 1-866-699-9453 (WILD)

For more information on how to restore wetlands on your property contact The Land Conservancy at 492-0173. Learn more about watching or listening to frogs at www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/frogwatch.

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American Bullfrog

Very large ear membrane, bright green upper lip, pale belly, males yellow chin

Length: < 8"

Call: loud, low 'drone'

Egg mass: 1000's of eggs

INVASIVE SPECIES



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Treefrog

Black mask & 'sticky' toe pads

Length: < 2"

Egg mass: < 30 eggs

Call: 'rib-itrib-it'

Six Ways You Can Help Amphibians on Your Property:

- Maintain ponds, wetlands and seasonally flooded areas
- Retain natural vegetation around ponds
- Use pesticides and nutrients responsibly
- Follow guidelines for safe storage of agricultural chemicals
- Don't release fish or bullfrogs into ponds or lakes
- Place rocks in steep-sided irrigation holes and artificial ponds so amphibians can escape

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