

Frogs of the Macquarie Marshes

An informal guide to knowing which frog is that?



What frog is that?

Here is a small guide to some of the frogs of the Marshes. Hopefully you find this useful!



Crucifix toad (*Notaden bennetti*)

- A burrowing frog.
- Very easy to identify!
- Comes out after heavy rains.
- Mostly known from red clay soil areas.
- But is it found anywhere else?!



Waterholding frog

*(Cyclorana
platycephala)*

- Another burrowing frog.
- Also mostly known from red clay soil areas, after heavy rain.
- But have you seen it anywhere else?!



Warty waterholding frog *(Cyclorana verrucosa)*

- Yet another burrowing frog!
- Can be bright green, but we saw a lighter olive and cream colour.
- Red clays, heavy rain.
- Anywhere else?!



Striped burrowing frog *(Cyclorana alboguttata)*

- Can look like the warty water holding frog, but has a more pointy nose.
- Usually only seen after heavy rains.
- Where have you seen it?!



Painted burrowing frog (*Neobatrachus sudelli*)

- Smaller burrowing frog.
- The pupil of the eye is vertical, some skin colour variation.
- Again, usually only seen after heavy rains.



Burrowing toadlet (*Uperoleia spp.*)

- These guys are very small and hard to find.
- But are also quite 'ugly' and distinctive as they have orange thighs!
- Also found usually after heavy rains.



Salmon-striped frogs *(Limnodynastes salmini)*

- Quite large frogs.
- We saw quite a few on dry areas near water.
- Rather distinctive with those pink stripes!



Spotted marsh frog

- Found throughout the year.
- Usually has a stripe down its back.



Barking marsh frog

- Found throughout the year.
- Usually has pink patches behind the eyes.



Green tree frog Peron's tree frog

- Everyone knows this one!



- And this one! Common in toilets and calls most of the year.



Desert tree frog

- Smallish, reddish frog.
- I've mostly seen them in the pipes at Cresswell.



Broad-palmed frog

- Also found in the toilets!
Quite a pointy nose.



Brown froglets

(*Crinia spp*)

- Last, but not least...
- Very small
- Can be found calling throughout the year.



Let me know what you see!

I'm really interested to know which frogs you see, *especially* the burrowing frogs. I'd love to hear from you anytime with which species you saw and where you saw it. I'm also happy to answer any questions, so keep in touch!

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