

# FROGS & TOADS OF BC'S SOUTH COAST

## Does the frog have...

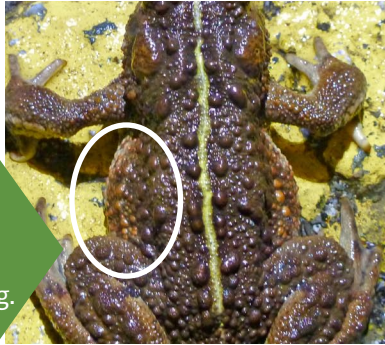
- many tough warts *and*
- a light-coloured line down its back?

### Western Toad

*Anaxyrus boreas*

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

NO



Warts and line



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

### Pacific Chorus Frog

*Pseudacris regilla*

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

NO



Toepads and eye mask



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

### Northern Red-legged Frog

*Rana aurora*

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

NO



Skin ridges down back



- eyes set back on the head *and* facing upward?

### Oregon Spotted Frog

*Rana pretiosa*

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

NO



Eyes facing upwards





# FROGS & TOADS 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*

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



Vertical pupils



Tail (males only)

Photo: Chris Lee

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!

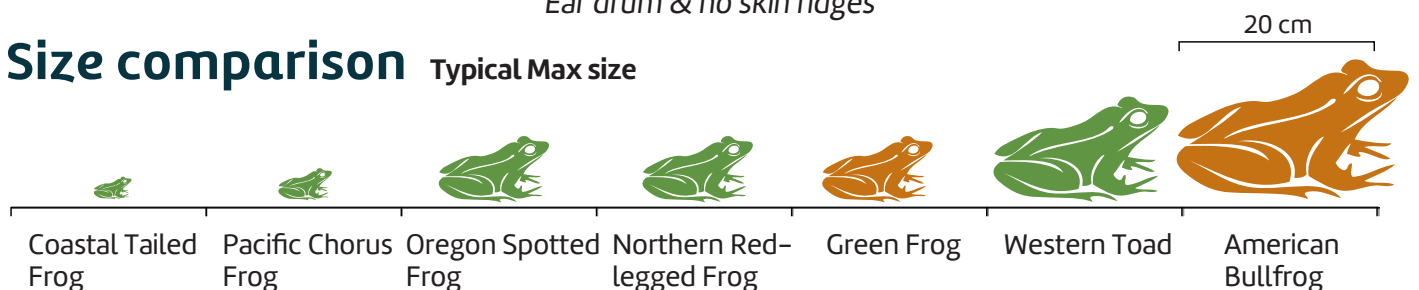
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Ear drum & no skin ridges



## Size comparison Typical Max size



## Don't be distracted by colour!

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



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