

**Native amphibian species and some tips to identify them**

	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Sexing</b>	<b>Spawn</b>
	Common Frog	Rana temporaria Smooth Skin	6-9cm	Horizontal oval pupil  Very variable in colour, typically yellowish brown, brown but may be olive green coloured and some individuals have a reddish or yellow appearance	Males are generally smaller and tend to be a dirty white/pale yellow.  Where as females tend to more pale	
	Pool Frog	Pelophylax lessonae	6-9cm	Very aquatic frog, often difficult to locate, as they will dive into water at the slightest disturbance.  The native Pool Frog is predominantly brown in colour with dark spots and a pronounced light, often yellowish, dorsal stripe.  Very occasionally some green can be seen around the head.  Unlike Common Frogs, calling males have prominent whitish vocal sacs at side of mouth.	Apart from the males white vocal sac which can be seen before mating there are no real distinguishing factors between the male and female frogs.	
	Smooth/Common Newt	Triturus vulgaris or Lissotriton vulgaris	10-11cm	Smooth velvety skin  Dorsal surface and flanks on the females are a light brown colouration with darker spots/speckles, where as the males are more of a brown/olive green or tan with black spots.  The Ventral surface on both sexes is a creamy yellow/orange, with black spotting on the belly and on the throat its more of a creamy white and lighter than the belly, usually spotted/speckled	Males develop a wavy crest running continuously from the head to the tail during the breeding season and tend to be smaller than females.  Males also have fringing on the hind toes at this time.	

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	<p style="text-align: center;">Palmate newt</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lissotriton helveticus</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6.5- 11cm</p>	<p>Both males and females have a dark stripe passing through the eye on either side of the head; they have a pure white or pinkish throat, which is rarely spotted. Both sexes' ventral surfaces will appear creamy yellow or orange occasionally some brown spotting on the belly.</p> <p>However the sexes do differ along the dorsal and flanks, Females appear yellowish to olive brown, with dark freckling.</p> <p>The males appear Olive brown, spotted and marbled with darker colours which may fuse to form two lines along the back.</p>	<p>Males are smaller and tend to have larger spots on the upper body.</p> <p>During the breeding season males develop a low, straight-edged crest on their back, a more developed crest on the tail and distinct filament at the end of the tail.</p> <p>The females appear larger and plumper especially during the aquatic stage due to un-deposited eggs.</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Great Crested or Warty Newt</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Triturus cristatus</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Males 15cm  Females 18cm</p>	<p>Both sex's dorsal surface and flanks appear dark brown or black, the ventral surface will appear dark orange/yellow with a pattern of black blotches.</p> <p>Their throat will be whitish in colour and thickly spotted brown/black and there will also be a row of white/silver dots along side of head and body.</p> <p>Males develop a jagged dorsal crest during the breeding season</p>	<p>Males are the smaller of the two and develop the jagged (denticular) crest in the breeding seasons.</p> <p>Conversely females always have a slight depression along the centre of the back throughout life.</p> <p>Males also have longer legs than females in proportion to body size.</p>	

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	<p align="center">Common Toad</p>	<p align="center">Bufo bufo</p>	<p>Males 8cm</p> <p>Females 11cm</p>	<p>They tend to walk rather than jump and have a warty Skin, with distinct bulges on back of head, known as the parotoid glands.</p> <p>The toads eye has a horizontal slit pupil yellow/golden brown iris.</p> <p>Dorsal surface and flanks appear brown/greenish grey but can also appear light sandy brown in warmer weather.</p>	<p>Males are smaller and have dark nuptial pads on three inner fingers that are more noticeable in the breeding season.</p>	
	<p align="center">Natterjack Toad</p>	<p align="center">Bufo calamita or Epidalea calamita</p>	<p>Males 7cm</p> <p>Females 8cm</p>	<p>These toads tend to run rather than hop, have warty skin, with distinct bulges on back of head, known as the parotoid glands and are covered in yellow/red warts</p> <p>The toads eyes have a horizontal slit pupil</p> <p>Dorsal Surface, characterised in Britain by a yellow stripe along the back.</p> <p>General colour green, brownish green or cream coloured.</p>	<p>Very similar in colour and body shape apart from the male being slightly smaller than the female</p>	