

Please help us preserve amphibians and wetlands by joining FROGWATCH ONTARIO

FROGWATCH ONTARIO is a community based conservation programme that helps us identify Ontario toads and frogs, their unique calls and the special places where they live.

Submit your observations on-line at...

www.torontozoo.com/adoptapond/FrogwatchOntario.asp

Adopt-A-Pond can be contacted by: mail - 361A Old Finch Ave., Toronto, ON, M1B 5K7; phone - 416.392.5999; fax - 416.392.4979; email - aap@torontozoo.ca

WHEN SHOULD YOU LOOK FOR FROGS AND TOADS?

Frogs and toads are very active in spring and early summer when the males are calling to attract a mate.

They are also seen throughout the summer, especially when froglets are emerging from the water.

Dusk is the best time to monitor, but some species are also active during the day.

WHAT INFORMATION SHOULD YOU RECORD?

Our online observation form will help you submit the following information: date, time, location description, habitat type, type of frog or toad(s) observed, weather conditions and abundance (0 – no frogs or toads seen or heard; 1 – frog or toad seen but not heard; 3 – some individuals can be counted, other calls overlapping; 4 – full chorus, calls continuous and overlapping). If you monitor more than one location, please send information about each location separately.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE INFORMATION YOU SEND?

Your data will be used to update Ontario frog and toad distribution maps and identify important wetland habitats. Each year the observations are summarized to learn what is happening to amphibian populations across the province.

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