

INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT!

GREEN FROG

(Lithobates clamitans)

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS ANIMAL?

DESCRIPTION

Adult Green Frogs...

- Are green to brown in colour with a green upper lip and dark bars on the hind legs.
- Can be 11 cm long from nose to the end of the body (not including the legs).
- Have distinct skin folds (dorso-lateral folds), extending from sides of eyes down the back (not present in look-alike species the American Bullfrog)

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<https://bcreeptilesandamphibians.trubox.ca/green-frog/>



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PRIMARY THREAT:

Could directly impact native frogs species through competition for food and habitat space.

SPREAD

Green Frogs have been introduced into B.C. through the pet and fish bait trades. Their wide-ranging diet (mainly insects, but also spiders, fish, crayfish, shrimp, other frogs, small snakes, birds, and snails) and tolerance of human-modified habitats contributes to their success as invaders. The spread of Green Frogs is assisted by their ability to migrate over land and their high fecundity (~5,000 eggs per female during a single breeding season).

Green Frogs can be found in many habitat types including swamps, ponds, lakes, marshes, bogs, ditches, rivers, and streams. During the winter they can be found hibernating in the mud at the bottom of a water body.

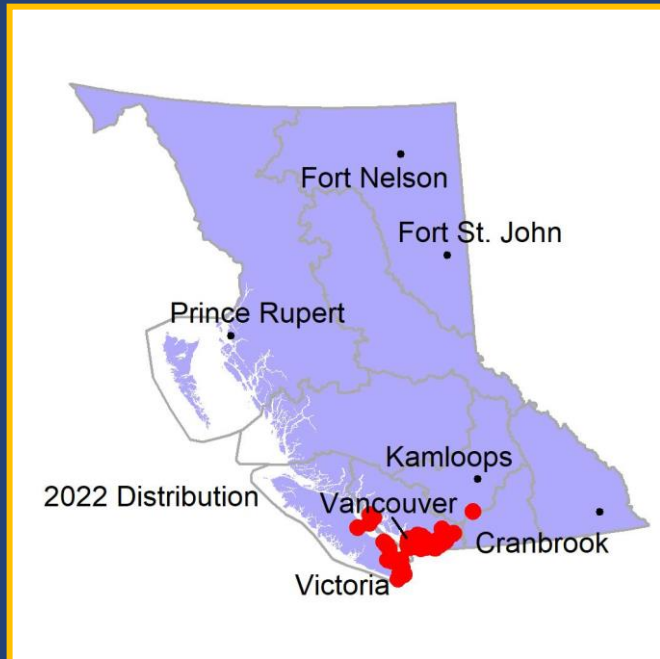


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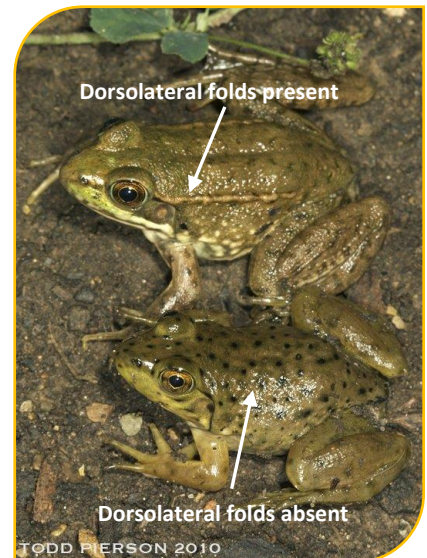


DISTRIBUTION & STATUS

Green Frogs are native to eastern North America. In B.C., Green Frogs have been introduced in the Lower Mainland and southern Vancouver Island.

Green Frog on top, American Bullfrog on bottom.

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LOOK-ALIKES:

Green Frogs can be difficult to distinguish from other frog and toad species in B.C.:

- Western Toad (*Anaxyrus boreas*) - Native to B.C.
- Pacific Treefrog (*Pseudacris regilla*) - Native to B.C.
- Northern Red-legged Frog (*Rana aurora*) - Native to B.C.
- American Bullfrog (*Lithobates catesbeianus*) – Not Native to B.C.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Do NOT possess, breed, release, sell or transport Green Frogs in B.C.
- Do NOT collect and/or transfer tadpoles of any kind.
- Create an attractive environment in your pond for native frog species to live in.
- Do not stock ponds with purchased aquarium frog species.

DID YOU KNOW?

Green Frogs are called Banjo Frogs in some parts of their range because of their loud call that sounds like a banjo string being plucked.



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