

Spot amphibians!



Common Toad (*Bufo bufo*)

More rounded face, raised ridge behind the eyes, tend to crawl or hop rather than jump, less athletic looking than frogs, spend most of the year on land, skin can look completely dry and looks less smooth than a frog's skin.

Common Frog (*Rana temporaria*)

Slightly pointed face, dark patch behind eyes, long athletic back legs used for jumping, often have stripes on the back legs, skin usually looks wet.



Smooth Newt (*Lissotriton vulgaris*)

Most common newt species in the UK, often found in garden ponds, up to 10cm long, orange or yellow belly with black spots, spots on throat, during the breeding season adult males have a crest along their back.

Palmate Newt (*Lissotriton helveticus*)

Smallest newt species in the UK, up to 9cm long, yellow belly with dark spots, look similar to smooth newts but have a creamy pink/yellow throat with no spots, during breeding season adult males have webbed back feet and filament at end of tail.



Tell us what you spot in your garden!

Great Crested Newt (*Triturus cristatus*)

Largest newt species in the UK, much rarer than smooth newts, up to 17 cm in length, skin is black or dark brown and looks rough and textured, belly is orange with a pattern of dark splotches unique to each individual, often have yellow tips to their toes, males have a large jagged crest on their back during breeding season and a ridge during the rest of the year, males have silvery white tail flash and females have orange on their tail. A protected species that should not be handled without a licence.

