

# TOADS ARE IN TROUBLE!

Toad populations in SE England have fallen by more than 50% since 1985. Toads live most of their lives on land in scrubby areas, hibernating in log piles, deep leaf litter and burrows. In February they emerge and return to their ponds to breed. Please let us know if you see one! We are particularly interested in finding ponds where they breed so please look out for **ribbons** of eggs around pond plants or male and females together in February-March.

Note golden eye with pupil a horizontal slit. (Frogs eyes are more circular with rounded pupil).



Toadspawn



Dry, warty skin generally with no coloured patterns. Frogs have smooth skin.

Legs adapted for crawling, unlike frogs whose longer back legs are good for hopping & jumping.

E-mail the date, place (postcode or grid reference), number seen and if possible a photo to Bromley Biodiversity Partnership at [bromleybiodiversity@gmail.com](mailto:bromleybiodiversity@gmail.com)

Your information will enable habitat improvements to be put in place to try & increase toad numbers.

How You Can Help Toads: have a wild area in your garden with some scrub, a log pile and maybe a pond with at least one sloping side. For more information & to see how frogs look different from toads, see <https://www.arc-trust.org>

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