



American Toad

(Bufo americanus)

American toads are born and develop in fresh water ponds, After they grow into adult frogs they live in dense vegetation. Their skin vary's from brown to reddish tint with patches of olive green and gray. Toads have short legs, stout bodies, and thick skin, with bumpy warts. These warts can be red and yellow in color. They use these warts as protection. When toads feel threatened they release a poisonous milky liquid.

The toad's breeding season is in March or April and sometimes lasts until July. Female toads lay their eggs in fresh water, and they hatch about 12 days later. They eat a wide variety of insects and other invertebrates, including snails, beetles, slugs, and earthworms.

You can find American Toads hopping around the vernal pool in deep vegetation during the night.

Toads differ than frogs in many ways but the most important thing is that they don't live in the water like most frogs do.