



Frogs of the Sunshine Coast

Green treefrog (*Litoria caerulea*)

Distribution: Northern and eastern Australia often found in drains, toilets and other moist areas around houses.

Length: 100mm.

Description: This bright green frog has smooth skin with a white stripe or spots near the corner of the mouth and a white underside. An irregular white stripe or series of spots run from the corner of mouth to the base of the arm, the underside is white. Fingers about one third webbed, toes about three quarters webbed with large pads.



Dainty green treefrog or graceful treefrog (*Litoria gracilentia*)

Distribution: Found in a wide variety of habitats including woodlands and forests. It is found in dense vegetation near marshes, lagoons and flooded areas.

Length: Approximately 45mm

Description: The back is bright leaf green. It has a faint yellowish-green stripe running from the nostril, over the eye and ear. The upper arms, thighs, fingers and toes are yellow. The backs of the thighs are purplish-brown with an iridescent blue sheen. The iris is golden or red. The belly is cream to yellow and granular. The finger and toe pads are large. The fingers are three-quarters webbed and the toes are nearly fully webbed.



Southern laughing treefrog or Tyler's tree frog (*Litoria tyleri*)

Distribution: Most common treefrog in region usually found in vegetation adjoining swamps, waterways, ponds and dams.

Length: 25mm

Description: The back is green or pale brown with green sides and a white stripe running from below the angle of the jaw, below the eye, to the base of the forearm. The underneath is white and granular and the hind surface of thighs orange. The iris is golden and the ear disc is brown. Fingers with rounded toe discs and almost no webbing while toes are about three quarters webbed.



Cascade treefrog (*Litoria pearsoniana*)

Distribution: Southern Queensland to northern New South Wales. Found in rainforest areas with flowing creeks and streams. Shelters under rocks during the day.

Length: 40mm

Description: Green back with brown or gold flecks on the back and white underbelly. A yellow or white stripe underlined in black begins at the nostril continues through the eye and ends at the shoulder, where it often breaks up into spots. The groin and back surface of the thighs are brick red. Fingers are webbed only base, toes almost fully webbed.



Eastern sedgefrog (*Litoria fallax*)

Distribution: Most common treefrog in region usually found in vegetation adjoining swamps, waterways, ponds and dams.

Length: 25mm

Description: The back is green or pale brown with green sides and a white stripe running from below the angle of the jaw, below the eye, to the base of the forearm. The underneath is white and granular and the hind surface of thighs orange. The iris is golden and the ear disc is brown. Fingers with rounded toe discs and almost no webbing while toes are about three quarters webbed.



Wallum sedgefrog (*Litoria olongburensis*)

Distribution: Coastal south-east Qld and northern New South Wales. Usually found in dense reed beds and swamps.

Length: 25mm

Description: Light brown to bright green above with a dark stripe running from the nostril to the flank. The underside is cream with brown flecks on the throat. The thighs are mottled orange & purple or orange and blue. Fingers are webbed at the base and the toes are half webbed.



Striped rocketfrog (*Litoria nasuta*)

Distribution: Northern and eastern Australia, found in coastal open forests, streams, and other still water bodies including suburban ponds.

Length: females 55mm, males 45mm

Description: Very narrow streamlined body with a sharp snout. The colour is yellow-brown to red brown with long warts, ridges and skin folds down the middle of back. The underneath is white while the thighs are yellow with dark brown stripes. Fingers are unwebbed and toes are about half webbed.



Wallum rocketfrog (*Litoria freycineti*)

Distribution: Found in temporary swamps, one of the Acid frogs adapted to acidic waters of coastal lowlands. Coastal south eastern Queensland to southern New South Wales.

Length: females 50mm, males 45mm

Description: Back pale grey brown to dark brown with large dark warts and skin folds arranged in stripes or lines of blotches. There is a darker triangular patch on head. The broad dark stripe running from the nostril around the ear disc has a pale, vertical bar at the front of the eye. Long fingers and toes, with small discs; fingers unwebbed, toes almost fully webbed.



Striped marsh frog (*Limnodynastes peronii*)

Distribution: Eastern Australia near still water.

Length: 65mm

Description: This native frog is light brown to grey-brown with broad dark stripes down back and is pale underneath. A broad, curved, dark stripe runs from the snout to base of the arm bordered by a pale raised stripe from the eye. It also has a pointed snout. Long fingers and toes; fingers with no webbing, toes with only a small amount of webbing.



Wallum froglet (*Crinia tinnula*)

Distribution: Coastal S E Qld and northern NSW. Restricted to acidic paperbark swamps in wallum areas.

Length: 20mm

Description: Highly variable with a smooth or warty brownish or greyish back. The underside is white or dull brown with some mottles or flecks. A narrow white dotted line runs from the chin to the belly. Fingers and toes are long and unwebbed.



Scarlet sided pobblebonk (*Limnodynastes terraereginae*)

Distribution: Eastern Queensland & northern New South Wales in forests, woodlands and clearings adjoining permanent water bodies.

Length: 75mm

Description: Coloured grey to brown on the back with occasional darker pattern. The sides and upper arm have a red or reddish yellow stripe. The underside is white or yellow with a yellow fold of skin from below the eye to the arm. The fingers are not webbed while the toes are only partially webbed.



Spotted grass frog (*Limnodynastes tasmaniensis*)

Distribution: Eastern Australia near grass lined waterways, marshes and temporary waterways in woodlands, grassland & shrubland.

Length: 45mm

Description: Olive green or brown blotches decorate the pale grey back of this frog. A few low warts may also be scattered on the back. A stripe of white, yellow or pink may run down the middle of the back and a white or yellowish fold runs from below the eye to base of the arm. The underneath is white & males have a yellowish throat in breeding season. Fingers are unwebbed while toes are slightly webbed.



Great barred frog (*Mixophyes fasciolatus*)

Distribution: Coastal central eastern Queensland to southern NSW. Found under leaf litter or on sand banks on coastal streams in tall open forest or rainforest.

Length: 80mm

Description: A dark brown frog with very broad, flat, rounded head with a dark band on back that starts as a "T" or "Y" shape between the eyes. A thin black stripe runs from the nostril to eye and continues backwards over ear disc. The legs have thin crossbar markings that widen at the ends. Fingers are unwebbed and toes three quarters webbed.



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