

# FROG IDENTIFICATION GUIDE

Kyneton to Heathcote regions

## Common Eastern Froglet (*Crinia signifera*)

**Breeding:** All year

**Description:** Common, widespread.

Most likely species heard.

Up to 3cm long.

Variable colouration and patterning, from brown to red to mustard, with or without stripes or spots.



## Eastern Banjo Frog, Pobblebonk (*Limnodynastes dumerilii*)

**Breeding:** Spring to Autumn

**Description:** Distinctive call.

Large frog, up to 7.5cm long.

Brown or grey-ish back, often with orange or yellow mottling on sides.

Pale stripe under the eye to the shoulder.



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## Eastern Sign-Bearing Froglet (*Crinia parinsignifera*)

**Breeding:** All year (except mid-Winter)

**Description:** Small, up to 2.5cm long.

Back can be grey, brown or sandy-gold, with or without stripes.

Often a dark patch between the eyes and dark bars on the legs.

Cream-coloured belly with several small light brown spots.



## Spotted Marsh Frog (*Limnodynastes tasmaniensis*)

**Breeding:** Spring to Autumn

**Description:** Up to ~5cm long.

Grey-brown or olive-green back with darker 'spots'.

Often a pale cream or red stripe down the middle of the back.

Cream-coloured stripe from under the eye to the top of the arm





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## Peron's / Laughing Tree Frog (*Litoria peronii*)

**Breeding:** Spring to Autumn

**Description:** Up to 7cm long.

Grey-to-light-brown back, with or without darker mottling and tiny emerald-green spots.

Thin black line from behind the eye to the top of the arm.

Bright yellow thighs with black patches.



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## Southern Brown Tree Frog (*Litoria ewingii*)

**Breeding:** All year (after rain)

**Description:** Up to 4.5cm long.

Cream, brown, or yellow-brown back, with a darker wide stripe along the middle.

Dark stripe from snout to past the arm. Often a white stripe from below the eye to the end of the upper lip.

Backs of thighs are reddish-orange.



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## Striped Marsh Frog (*Limnodynastes peronii*)

**Breeding:** Spring to Autumn

**Description:** Up to 7.5cm long.

Brown back with dark stripes, sometimes a cream or reddish stripe down the middle.

Pale stripe from under the eye to top of the arm.

Males have a pale yellow throat with brown mottling.



## Bibron's Toadlet (*Pseudophryne bibronii*)

**Breeding:** All year (after rain)

**Description:** Up to 3cm long.

Dark grey, blue-grey or brown back, often with small black spots and a red-orange stripe down the lower half.

Sometimes a light brown or pale orange patch on the head.

Tops of shoulders and the back of thighs are yellow to orange.





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## Growling Grass Frog (*Litoria raniformis*)

**Breeding:** Spring to Autumn

**Description:** Up to 10cm long.

Green-brown back, with brown-bronze patches, and sometimes a pale stripe down the middle.

Cream-coloured stripe from behind the eye along the sides, and often a dark brown stripe from the nostril to the eye.

Groin and backs of the thighs are bright blue, sometimes with small, bright yellow patches.



## Eastern Smooth Frog/ Victorian Smooth Froglet

(*Geocrinia victoriana*)

**Breeding:** Summer to Autumn

**Description:** Up to 3.5cm long.

Brown-grey or red-brown back, often dark, yellow, white, or orange patches.

Often a dark horizontal stripe between the eyes, a small dark stripe behind the eye, and dark patches along the upper lip.

Groin and back of the lower legs sometimes have a pink or orange-brown patch. Legs sometimes have dark horizontal bars.

