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CREATING A FROG POND!

IT'S ALL ABOUT FROGS

Did you know that 93% of Frogs are only found in Australia but that our frog populations are declining?

This makes it very important that we watch out for and support our native frogs as much as possible!

FROG FACTS

Frogs are a cold blooded animal that are classed as Amphibians. This means that they generally start their life as a tadpole in an aquatic environment and as they grow older, develop into a frog that is mainly land based.

While Frogs have lungs, they also breathe through their moist skin. This means that it is essential that their environment is kept free from chemicals (such as insecticides/ herbicides, petrol or detergent), pollution and increased salinity.



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BUILDING YOUR OWN FROG POND!

MATERIALS

In order to build your Frog pond, you will need:

- Plastic pond liner
- Gravel or washed sand
- Native plants and reeds
- Rocks, logs, leaf litter and bark
- Solar powered light (attract insects for food!)
- Optional: Native fish (they will control mosquito population)

BUILDING INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these easy steps to build your very own frog pond:

- 1 Find the right location in your backyard. It should be shady most of the day.
- 2 Dig a hole (depth 30 cm) and add a thin layer of sand.
- 3 Line with thick plastic pond liner.
- 4 Turn edges up and line with rocks.
- 5 Put rocks inside the pond to provide shelter for tadpoles.
- 6 Put native swamp plants in shallow end and lilies, etc. in deep end (cover the soil with sand).
- 7 Fill with tap water but let it stand for 1 week before any fish go in. This will remove chlorine.
- 8 Plant native shrubs/reeds around the pond to attract insects and provide shelter for frogs.
- 9 Place a solar light beside the pond to attract insects for the frogs.



CURRENT THREATS *to* FROGS



There are a number of threats that contribute to the continued decline of our frogs including:

- Disease
- Habitat Degradation
- Stream Drying/ Wetland drainage
- Predation by introduced Exotic Predatory Fish
- Herbicide and Insecticide use

HABITATS

Frogs have adapted over time to survive in many different environments including rainforests, mountains and even deserts! Research the frog species that are found in your local area so you know the best type of habitat to create!

Pick a good location not too close to your house with access to some shade as well as other native plants and shrubs that they can use for shelter and to find food!

