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What can you do to help Australia's frogs?

- 1. Be careful as you explore Australia's beautiful national parks. Enjoy our amazing wildlife without disturbing them. Take all your rubbish with you when you leave and stay on designated trails, to avoid damaging habitat,
- 2. Take steps to protect the environment in general. Conserve resources such as water usage, and reduce wastes, particularly plastic and chemical wastes. Chemicals can drain into waterways and pollute amphibian environments,
- 3. If you have a pool, consider installing a 'critter skimmer' to allow frogs and other animals to escape if they fall in by accident,
- 4. Build garden frog ponds and 'frog hotels', remove non-native fish from ponds (they eat native tadpoles), and plant diverse native vegetation to provide habitat for our frogs,
- 5. Ensure that you are confident you can accurately identify cane toads (your local frog group should be able to provide guidance) before humanely euthanising them (the 'stepped hypothermia' approach is currently recommended – talk to your local frog group for details),
- 6. Report any sick or dead frogs you come across to frog societies in your local area to help them track disease spread,
- 7. Learn about your local frog species! Different frog species can be identified by their distinct calls. You might also be able to find frogs in the garden as they rest during the day or by using a head-torch to look for their eyeshine at night. If you have access to a pond or stream, look for eggs and tadpoles, and follow them through development as they metamorphose into juvenile frogs, and
- 8. Download the <u>FrogID app</u> and record frog calls using the app. By recording a frog call with the FrogID app, you provide a unique, time-stamped, and geo-referenced audio recording that allows scientists to understand and conserve Australia's unique frog species.

