

Have you seen an Eastern Spadefoot?



Why are we interested in this frog?

Very little is known about the distribution and habits of this species in Virginia. We think this frog is more common and more widespread than what is currently known. This is why we are asking for your help in increasing our knowledge about this secretive frog.

Identifying characteristics include:

- Vertical oriented pupils
- Brownish colored body (the color is highly variable)
- Two yellow lines running along the back
- 2-3 inches long
- For more pictures of Eastern Spadefoots and and look-alike toads visit the VHS website
<http://www.virginiaherpetologicalsociety.com/>

Places to look

- Roads near wetlands
- Vernal pools (temporary bodies of water which dry up by the end of the summer)
- Ditches
- Swimming pools
- Flooded agricultural fields

When to look

After heavy rains, perhaps during any month of the year.

How can you assist in this project?

If you see, hear, or make any observation of an Eastern Spadefoot, then take several digital photos of it from a side view and a back view. You may also digitally record it calling. Please send digital photos, recordings, or any observation (including location information) to:

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