

FROGWATCH 2023



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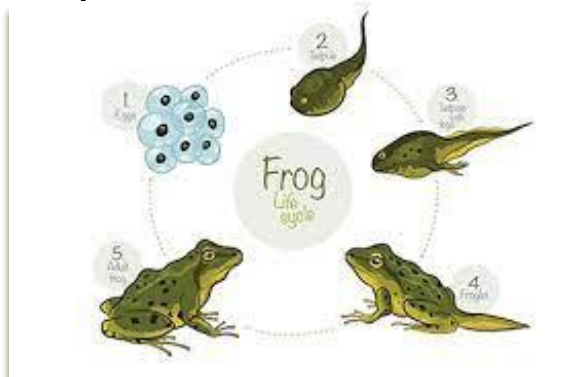
A Winter-Warmer from FrogWatch, Happy reading

your FrogWatch coordinator, Anke Maria

What's happening

The **Winter FrogTalk & Walk sessions** at Holder Wetlands and at Fassifern Pond were heaps of fun. Bummer if you missed them but there are more events coming up soon (see below)! What can be better than sipping on a hot chocolate and counting the stars while listening to frog serenades and learn ribbet-ing facts about our local amphibian friends?!

Observing tadpoles turning into frogs has never been easier, or cheaper- thanks to the financial support of Icon Water. The booking process for **Project Metamorph** has recently opened and interested educational providers, including home-schoolers, can request one of 120 Tadpole Kits to enchant their classroom for all of Term 4. Here the link to the booking sheet: <https://forms.gle/f2NWmmCdYMwRTCeis8> for anyone that would like to order one!



FrogWatch is busy supporting the annual **August Platypus surveys** across the ACT, run by Upper Murrumbidgee Waterwatch. Additional surveys for Rakali and Platypus are done at several ACT ponds. If you would like to join Landcare ACT's Platty & Ratty Survey Crew at Giraland Pond and Isabella Pond please send an email directly to wellbeing@landcareact.org.au.



FrogWatch is now right in the heart of the Canberra Nature Map

The FrogWatch data portal has become a fully-fledged part of the Canberra Nature Map (CNM).



The move has secured better protection for our data, continuing updates & a slightly new look. But be aware: the Canberra Nature mapr APP does NOT work for FrogWatch surveys. FrogWatch survey data needs to be entered via the webpage (from a computer or your phone).

You will need to take a few different steps in order to get to the online survey sheet:

1. go to Canberra Nature Map- log on → go to ADD A SIGHTING → click on SURVEYS → click on the FW logo → click on add a survey

Upcoming events in September



Due to popular demand, FW in partnership with Sally Holliday from Landcare ACT's Wellbeing through Nature program is offering another series of **froggy fun after dark** sessions. These events are a fantastic opportunity to learn about our local amphibian species and the importance of their wetland habitats under the cloak/croak of night. Rug up, wear comfortable enclosed shoes, and bring a torch

Book your free ticket through Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/>

Family Froggy Fun – Fri 15.09.

Hop down to the Ginninderry Link Building for froggastic facts after dark. Arrive at 5.30pm for a hot chocolate. This event is a family friendly event, from tadpoles to fully grown frogs

Frog Facts after Dark – Fri 22.09

Discover the frogs of Farrer Ridge dams and why we monitor them. The dams are located on the corner Sulwood and Erindale Drive Wanniasa. We'll enjoy a hot drink at 5:30pm and chat before making a pleasant 250m stroll to the wetland. Last year, it was a delight to witness a symphony of frogs. We may be lucky again...

Frogwatch Census Training Events

Spring is around the corner and so is the annual FrogTober, the month of our local FrogCensus. Before heading out to collect vital data (simply by listening to the frog calls), it is necessary to attend one of our training events. You will learn all about when, how, where and why to look out for frogs. No previous knowledge required. Just rug up, bring your favourite torch and wear sturdy shoes. Each event runs from 18:00 - 20:00 and includes some theory, spiked with plenty of fun frog facts, and ID practice during a walk to a nearby frog habitat.



Locations/Dates

Jerrabomberra Wetlands, Education centre,
Dairy Road, Fyshwick

Tuesday 26.09.23

Wednesday 27.09.23

Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary, Wildbark
visitor centre, Rosenberg Street, Throsby

Friday 29.09.23

This is it for today! Keep in touch

Anke Maria

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