

# Amazon Milk Tree Frog

**Scientific Name:** *Phrynohyas resinifictrix*

**Class:** Amphibia

**Order:** Anura

**Family:** Hylidae



The frog is rather large for a tree frog, about 2.5 inches in length. Its body is light blue, blue-green or gray with black and brown banding covered with white and dark spots and bumps. As juveniles their patterning is more contrasting and then fades with age.

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## Range

Northern Amazon region of South America (Colombia, Ecuador, Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, Venezuela)

## Habitat

Humid, rain-forest canopy, near slow-moving streams

## Gestation

Tadpoles hatch in one day; larval stage is approximately three weeks

## Litter

Clutch size: 2,000 eggs

## Behavior

The frog is nocturnal and lives in the rain-forest canopy. They often breed in tree cavities and seldom descend to the ground.

## Reproduction

Breeding takes place between November and May (the rainy season). The male frog externally fertilizes a clutch of about 2,000 eggs in a gelatinous mass floating in water. The egg mass may also be deposited in water trapped in a tree cavity or in the centers of bromeliads. Eggs hatch in about one day, and metamorphosis from tadpole to juvenile adult takes about three weeks.

## Wild Diet

Medium-sized insects and other arthropods and invertebrates