

Oriental Fire-Bellied Toad

Scientific Name: *Bombina orientalis*

Class: Amphibia

Order: Anura

Family: Bombinatoridae



The Oriental Fire-Bellied Toad is dull brown gray to bright green back dotted with black spots and covered with rough warts or tubercles. The smooth belly is red or orange-red. It has a small round head and large eyes with triangular pupils. Males are distinguished from females by their generally rougher back and thicker forearms. They reach a maximum of about 2 inches.

Range

Oriental Fire-Bellied Toads are native to Southeastern Siberia, Northeastern China and Korea.

Habitat

The habitat of the Oriental Fire-Bellied Toad includes mountain lakes, streams and ponds between 1,700 and 3,000 meters above sea level.

Gestation

Tadpoles hatch within 3-6 days; larval stage is approximately one month.

Litter

Clutch: 38-250 eggs in portions of 3-45 eggs

Behavior

They are aquatic throughout spring and summer then bury themselves in soft ground for winter. They live in a variety of landscapes. The Oriental Fire-Bellied Toad hibernates from late September/October to late April/May.

Reproduction

Breeding in Oriental Fire-Bellied Toads occurs between May and October. Breeding pairs are formed randomly, with long reproductive periods because females deposit eggs at different times. Eggs hatch usually between early June to late July, with complete metamorphosis done by the end of August or late September.

Wild Diet

Small insects, worms and mollusks