



Spotted Marsh Frog. *T.Grinter*



Growling Grass Frog. *D.Ford.*

The Darebin Froggers - Events for 2011

Frogs are one of the most iconic and amazing creatures living in our waterways. In fact, they are labelled by scientists as an "ecological indicator" because their very presence can indicate that a river, creek or wetland is healthy. Unfortunately the numbers of frogs in our waterways are declining, due to factors impacting their habitat such as reduced water quality and plant life, changes in land use, human activities and increasingly, climate change.

Come and join the Darebin Froggers on our regular frog romps at a number of wetlands and on the Creek itself throughout the Darebin Creek Catchment. We run a number



Striped March frog. *R.Bender*



of different activities throughout the year on weekday evenings and weekends.

In our sessions we cover:

- How to identify different frogs and habitats
- Local frog populations and species,
- Participation in the Melbourne Water frog census
- The ultimate health of our local waterways.

Our outings are FREE and appropriate for the whole family!

For all events please bring: walking shoes, torch and clothing appropriate for weather forecast.

Bookings essential for all events to: Peter Grenfell 9499 4454, pgrenfell@dcmc.org.au.

Date	Location	Time	Further info
Thursday 4 August , 2011	Corner Topaz Grove and Skyline Drive, South Morang. Melways map 183 D5.	4.30 - 5.30pm	Fern McGivney from City of Whittlesea will walk us through important hilltop ephemeral wetlands in the Henderson's Creek, part of the Darebin catchment at Granite Hills. We will look at important frog ponds in the area, and highlight the importance for small water features within the landscape.
Wednesday 24 th August 2011	La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary, Bundoora. Melways map 19 G5.	4.30 - 5.30pm	Andrew Stocker from Latrobe Wildlife Sanctuary will discuss how to create a frog bog and what makes good frog habitat as seen at their wetlands onsite. If time permits, Froggers will then compare with other frog habitats on Latrobe Uni campus.
Thursday 8 September 2011	Darebin Parklands Environment Centre. End of Separation St, Alphington. Melways map 31 C9	7-8.30pm	Geoff Heard will discuss the findings from his research into the ecology and biology of the threatened Growling Grass Frog (<i>Litoria reniformis</i>).
Thursday 29 September 2011	Old Shire Offices, Beverley Road, Heidelberg, (Melway Ref 32 3D)	6.00 - 7.30pm	Join Healthy Waterways Waterwatch Coordinator Julia at the Warringal Wetlands and Swamp for a night of discovery. We will take you through how to identify different frog calls, the Melbourne Water frog census and then walk through froggie habitat to look for some frogs. This is a family fun event with some walking involved. Bookings essential. Contact Julia on 9457 9885.
Thursday 20 October 2011	Whittlesea Park. Meet at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre, 59 Laurel Street, Whittlesea. (Melways 246 G9)	6.00 - 7.30pm	Discover the Frogs of Whittlesea. Discover how to identify different frog calls and help to collect data for the Melbourne Water Frog Census. Bookings essential. Contact Julia on 9457 9885.
Monday 24 th October 2011	Old Shire Offices, Beverley Road, Heidelberg (Melway 32 3D) This is a presentation, there will be no walking for this event.	7.00pm-9.00pm	Special Event: The Platypus is well loved but rarely seen. Geoff Williams from the APC will talk about their work monitoring Platypus and the types of habitats that allow their survival in the urban environment. Geoff will also discuss the Rakali, a neighbour of the platypus and a common site in urban creeks and rivers. Bookings essential. Contact Belinda Moody 9457 9821

The Darebin froggers are proudly supported by Banyule, Darebin and Whittlesea Councils, Melbourne Water and the Darebin Creek Management Committee.

