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African Nature Study



AFRICAN BULLFROG

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First African Nature Study: Bull Frog

Amphibians are vertebrates whichs means they have a backbone.

BullFrog

Bullfrog are the largest frogs in Southern Africa and an adult Giant Bullfrog.

African Bullfrog (*Pyxicephalus adspersus*) is a species of frog in the family Pyxicephalidae.

It is also known as the **pixie frog** due to its scientific name.

African bullfrogs are carnivores.

The African bullfrog is aggressive.

Size:

Length: not more than 120 mm

Body: Large and robust with elongated dorsal ridges

Weight: more than 1 kg

Tadpole:

Length: up to 46mm

Shape: rounded, plump-bodied.

Lifespan: up to 45 years

Breeding: November

Bullfrogs require shallow, rain-filled depressions that are seasonal but which retain water long enough for the tadpoles to metamorphose.

Food: The African bullfrog is a voracious carnivore, eating insects, small rodents, reptiles, small birds, and other amphibians.

Habitat: They are highly adaptable and can tolerate harsh environments, often being found in dry savannas.

Eggs: Female lays about 3,000 to 4,000 eggs at a time and in shallow water.

Something to watch

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5jyVYpQBCDs>

Life cycle of a FROG <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FIXoJYbBIs0>

Composer study

George Philipp Telemann- The Frogs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1Zsk55I2Ww>

Handbook of Nature Study by Anna Botsford Comstock:

pages 170-187 Amphibians

pages 180 to 186 The Frog, Lesson 47

Artist

Michael Pettit

<http://www.artistsandart.org/2010/03/michael-pettit-artist-from-south-africa.html>



Poetry

Frog And Toad

By Christina Rossetti

Hopping frog, hop here and be seen,
I'll not pelt you with stick or stone:
Your cap is laced and your coat is green;
Good bye, we'll let each other alone.

Plodding toad, plod here and be looked at,
You the finger of scorn is crooked at:
But though you're lumpish, you're harmless too;
You won't hurt me, and I won't hurt you.

<https://hellopoetry.com/poem/16068/frog-and-toad/>

Journaling activities:

Materials:

Journals
Pencils
Watercolour
Eraser
Ruler
Brushes

Outdoor Time:

Check your local pond or lake.
Draw a frog, describe the colors and markings on the frog.
Listen to the sound does the frog make and movements.

Nature Journaling:

Add the following in your journal:
Date
Time
Drawing
Your observations
Location

Weather

Words

Label the frog parts

Quotes

Measurements

Scientific name

Painting & drawing

<https://johnmuirlaws.com/how-to-draw-frogs/>

<https://www.wedrawanimals.com/how-to-draw-a-frog/>

Here's the video links of getting to know more about Nature journaling.

<https://johnmuirlaws.com/introduction-to-nature-journaling-video/>

<https://johnmuirlaws.com/getting-started-with-nature-journaling-video/>

References:

Complete Guide to the Frogs of Southern Africa

wikipedia.org

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