



A Tiny Frog with a Mighty Voice!

This article is all about me! Hi! I'm Lily, the Pacific Treefrog. I live in local waterways along with my friends.

Yes, Pacific Treefrogs are movie stars! Movie directors use the kreck-eck sound of Pacific Treefrogs as a background sound for night time scenes in movies.

Some frog facts:

Frogs are amphibians

The word **amphibian** is derived from the Greek word **amphibi-ous**, which means "living a double life." Frogs spend most of their adult life on land, but lay their eggs in water.

Toads hop, frogs jump

Because of their strong legs, frogs can jump 20 times their length. If you could jump 20 times your length, you would be able to jump 100 feet!

Frogs are Jurassic

The earliest known frogs lived in the late Jurassic period along with dinosaurs. That was 190 million years ago!

They are everywhere! We hear them at night, we see them in the wetlands and they even star in Hollywood movies! Only two inches long, the Pacific Treefrog is the most common frog found in the Willamette Valley. And, though they are called a "tree" frog, they are more likely to be found on the ground than in the trees.

Pacific Treefrogs can be found in drainage ditches, near ponds, and even in your garden. Treefrogs are usually green, but can change their color to tan or brown to blend into other backgrounds. No matter what color they are, they all have a distinctive black stripe across their eye.

Female Pacific Treefrogs lay their eggs in masses in water. The eggs hatch into tadpoles (sometimes called "pollywogs"). Tadpoles breathe through gills and have tails that help them swim in the water as they eat and grow. As the tadpoles grow, they develop legs, and then arms, but still breathe through their gills. Tadpoles mature into froglets, which look like an adult frog with a tail. Froglets breathe through their lungs and absorb the tail as they mature into adults.

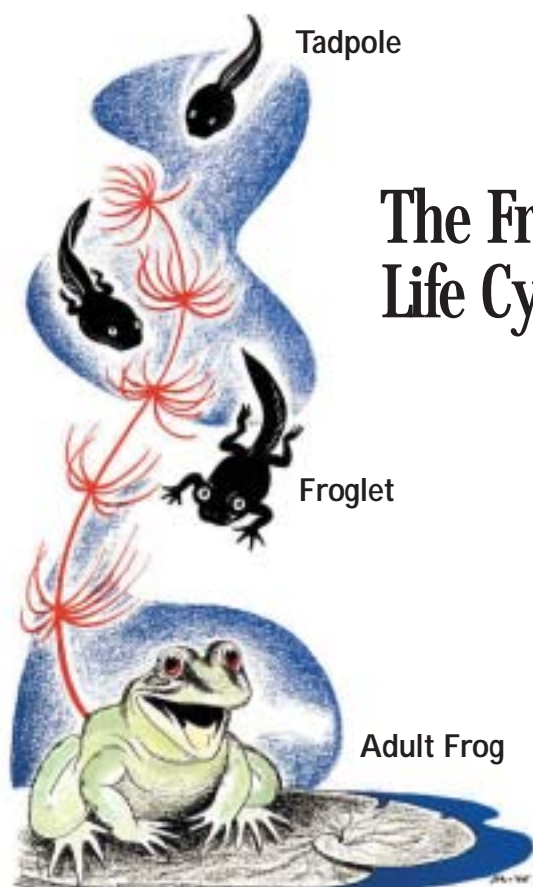
Pacific Treefrogs, like all other creatures, need clean water to live in order to survive. What can you do to make sure our local streams



This little Pacific Treefrog has found a comfortable place to rest in the garden.

and rivers stay clean? Never throw litter in the street or put anything but clean water down a storm drain. Ask your

parents to reduce the use of chemicals in your yard. And, if you meet a Pacific Treefrog, treat it gently!



Have you seen this frog?



This is a bullfrog — a frog that is not native to Oregon. Bullfrogs have a huge appetite and eat baby turtles, rodents, birds and even other frogs!