

Growling Grass Frog

Litoria raniformis

Growling Grass Frogs live amongst reeds, sedges and rushes growing beside slow flowing freshwater sources such as swamps and wetlands. Their distinctive call of several short grunts followed by a long deep 'growl' can be heard during the warmer months. They feed mainly on ground dwelling insects, but are also known to eat lizards, snakes and other frogs. Like all frogs, they are an indicator species that help to show when pollutants threaten a local ecosystem.

Like all frogs, they start life as tadpoles. Growling Grass Frog tadpoles can grow to 10cm in length before turning into frogs. Tadpoles play an important part in the food chain for many species including fish. They are not active hunters but instead sit and wait for their prey to come to them.

The Growling Grass Frog is a vulnerable threatened species under the Victorian Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988.

Threats

Exposure to pollutants may have an impact on their health, breeding success and resilience to disease and changing climatic conditions.

