



## Banjo Frog

<b>Name</b>	<b>Scientific</b>	<i>Limnodynastes dorsalis</i>
	<b>Common</b>	Banjo Frog
<b>Description</b>	Banjo frogs can reach sizes of 7cm and usually have a yellow stripe running down the centre of the back. They also have reddish markings in the groin area and on the back legs. They are powerful diggers and can burrow a metre or more underground in search of moisture. They are the most adventurous of our local frogs and can often turn up several kilometres away from the nearest wetland.	
<b>Habitat</b>	They prefer to live next to swamps and dams in winter and spring. In the summer months they stay cool by sheltering in burrows away from water.	
<b>Breeding</b>	Breeding starts with the males calling from late winter and continuing through to early summer. The females produce a floating foam raft which can contain up to 5,000 eggs! The tadpoles develop very slowly and can take between 4-8 months to develop into frogs.	
<b>Call</b>	A loud, explosive “bonk” which can be heard from some distance away.	
<b>Did you know?</b>	The word <i>limnodynastes</i> is a latin word meaning “Lord of the marshes”.	

Summer			Autumn			Winter			Spring		
Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov

- Main calling time
- May still be heard

