

Fire-bellied Toad



What do we look like?

We are warty toads who are small, but more closely related to frogs. Males have more warts than the females do. The skin on our backs is green with gray or black blotches.

Our smooth bellies are brightly patterned with black and red or orange.

We grow to be $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches in length.

The bottoms of our hands and feet are scarlet orange like our bellies. The reason we have red bellies is because we have poisonous skin, though we are not deadly to humans.



Where do we live?

We live in small freshwater mountain streams, ponds, and small pools. We especially like those with dead vegetation. You will find us under rocks and stones at the edges of the water. We are native to the temperate forests of countries like Thailand, China and Korea, but we can be found in other coastal countries in Southeastern Asia too.

What do we eat?

We eat a variety of insects, including crickets, mealworms, waxworms and invertebrates like earthworms. We are active during the day and normally feed then.



Some cool facts about us...

- When we are disturbed we arch our backs and show our red colored feet to warn predators that we taste bad and or poisonous. The red on our bodies is called warning colors. In nature, it is common for animals with red warning colors to be poisonous.
- If a predator is unwise enough to attack me after I have shown them my warning colors, I release a poison from my skin that is toxic to smaller predators.
- I am a very active toad when I am awake. I like to jump, and like other frogs and toads I am very good at it.
- Even though we are toxic to small predators, we are generally harmless to humans. Unless you have a severe allergy to us, the worst that could happen is a mild rash where we came in contact with your skin.

