

# Have you seen **African clawed frogs?**



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African clawed frogs are nonnative aquatic frogs that have been introduced into Florida. This invasive species can negatively impact native wildlife through competition, predation and disease transmission.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is currently taking steps in your area to prevent African clawed frogs from becoming established in the wild. Ponds that are undergoing removal efforts are surrounded by silt fencing. Please do not disturb these ponds or silt fences and keep children and pets away from study areas.

**Remember- it is illegal to introduce nonnative species in Florida.**

## Identification

- Flattened body with small head
- Can grow to 5 inches in length
- Mottled, greenish-gray to brown skin that is smooth and slippery
- Forelimbs with four unwebbed fingers
- Hindlimbs with five webbed toes
- Black claw-like tips on three innermost back toes
- Crawl across land and do not hop

African clawed frogs can be found in freshwater ponds and streams. They eat a wide variety of invertebrates, fish and other frogs, and reproduce rapidly. They can crawl (but do not hop!) to other ponds, tolerate a wide variety of water conditions, and survive drought and cold temperatures.

## You can help! Report African clawed frogs to the FWC

- Take a photo
- Note the location
- Report your sighting
  - Online at [IveGot1.org](http://IveGot1.org)
  - By phone at **888-Ive-Got1 (888-483-4681)**
  - Download the **IveGot1** reporting app

## Please do not report these native frogs and toads:



Tom Spinker

Southern toad: knobs and crests on head



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Pig frog: visible ear drum



Dave Huin

Narrowmouth toad: fold of skin across head behind eyes



Andrew Hoffman

Spadefoot toad: large black spade on each hind foot

