

LIST OF BALLARAT REGION THREATENED AMPHIBIAN SPECIES

ENDANGERED

BROWN TOADLET, *Pseudophryne bibronii*

The Brown Toadlet, also known as Bibron's Toadlet, is an endangered species of Toadlet endemic to south eastern Australia. While its habitat must be damp and wet, its habitats are not necessarily associated with permanent water. They shelter in damp leaf litter, logs or other forms of cover which stay damp for long periods after rain. This is also where they lay eggs. These toadlets are dark brown on their backs with a scattering of darker flecks and red spots, they have a lighter underside and grow to around 30cm. Adult females are slightly larger than males, and spawn their eggs in loose clumps.

GROWLING GRASS FROG, *Litoria raniformis*

The Growling Grass Frog is one of Australia's largest frog species with females reaching up to 100mm in size. In the past, these frogs inhabited a large area of south-east Australia, however their range and population is in decline. They are still present in Victoria, but are classified as endangered. They are generally coloured olive, to bright green with irregular spotting across their back, which is also quite warty. They possess small teeth, which they use for holding prey before swallowing it whole. Their prey items are usually made up of invertebrates, lizards, snakes, and small fish. They sit and wait for their food. Their feeding method is while habitat structure is important. They live in vegetation at the edges of still or slow-flowing water bodies where they take cover in the dense vegetation while they wait for prey.