

Frogsheet Autumn 1999

Frog Symposium Huge Success

Presidents Report

What a weekend! Australia's first ever frog symposium. Thank you all who contributed. The proceedings will be published as soon as final drafts are in and the book is printed. The frogs are having a good season.

The symposium has highlighted the need for all members of QFS and the general public to be aware of and sensitive to the inherent dangers of moving tadpoles or frogs from one area to another. There really can be no guarantee as to the safety of this practice and that it will not cause disease or sickness to spread unchecked.

I ask members to be aware of the need to keep tadpoles in their own localities. The chytrid fungus is transmitted in water and can wipe out a whole population.

Rob Morgan has been observant and persistent enough to find some *Litoria brevipalmata* with spawn and tadpoles. Our surveys are paying off.

The society continues to grow, adding more expertise and manpower.

Happy frogging,

Ruth Wait

Executive Committee

Area Co-ordinators

New Members

Frog Dates

Camphor Laurels and Frogs

Jokes

Around the Ridges

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Yeronga - Peter Green

Chandler - Rob Morgan

Redlands - Leanne Marshall

Toowoomba - Dave Hills

Chermside - Jill Howell

Letters to the Society

Focus on *Mixophyes fasciolatus*

Submitting Frog Call Tapes

Frog Shop Bargains

Winner!

Trip Reports

FrogWeek at O'Reilly's

Wet Tropics Trekking

Qld Frog Society Frogshop

Brisbane Frog Survey

Adelotus brevis - Tusked Frog

Colonies were found in low numbers (which is normal for this species) in 30 of 119 areas surveyed. It was most common in the catchment that drains the South East slopes of the Brisbane Forest Park. Annerley, Bardon, Enoggera, Kenmore Hills, Stafford, The Gap and the Brisbane Forest Park were the most productive areas.

Most of the records were from streams with good water quality in the upper reaches with some small established colonies existing in well vegetated backyard frog ponds. Populations also exists in the

Greenslopes, Coopers Plains, Holland Park, Moorooka, Tarragindi areas. Very few observations outside the areas stated. Locally common but generally should be considered rare.

Assa darlingtoni - Australian Marsupial Frog

No records during our survey; a high altitude rainforest species historically recorded from Maiala NP, cannot realistically be called a Brisbane species.

Crinia parinsignifera - Beeping Froglet

Recorded from 27 areas mostly centered in the less urbanised South West Brisbane. Algester, Bellbowrie, Berrinba, Burbank, Capalaba, Carindale, Karawatha Forest, Mackenzie, Moggill and Parkinson were the areas that contain sizable colonies. Urbanisation certainly affects this species adversely; undeveloped large areas of woodland with flooded depressions with associated native grasses are the main requirements of this species. It was not recorded in areas north of the river. In twenty years time the species will only be found in areas like Karawatha Forest, major greenbelt areas are required if once abundant and common species of Brisbane fauna continue to remain as listed species within our city boundaries.

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