

Ponds - Amphibians

Amazing facts

Adult frogs have teeth!
All tadpoles have tiny teeth
for scraping food off sticky
surfaces.

A frightened toad will expel
water onto your hand if
you pick it up.

Frogs and toads have a
powerful sense of smell
and find their way to their
breeding pond following
its distinctive smell borne
on the wind.

Amphibians breathe
through their skin whilst
underwater and gulp air
into their lungs when
they are on land.

Frogs and toads use their
eyes to help them swallow
prey. They retract their
eyeballs back into their head
which presses the food down
to their stomachs.

Toads have large long
warts behind their eyes
called parotid glands.
These contain powerful
poisons to deter predators.

Male frogs hibernate in the
bottom of the pond, whereas
female frogs toads and newts
are likely to hibernate together
in a place free from frost
called an hibernaculum.

