

Cane Toad *Rhinella marina*

When to look:

Year-round. Adults readily seen during the night

Tough leathery skin that has a distinctive warty appearance

Pronounced bony ridge above nostril and venom producing gland behind the ear

Adult size: 10-15 cm

Pale underbelly

Similar species:

Toads can be distinguished by their bumpy skin, short forelimbs and poison glands behind their eyes. Many toad species also crawl rather than hop.

The Giant Frog (*Cyclorana australis*) is most likely confused with the exotic Cane Toad in western Queensland and northern Western Australia but the Giant Frog lacks prominent brow ridges and is a burrowing species.

Shiny black tadpoles. Eggs laid in long strings of transparent jelly



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