



# **HOW TO USE FROGID**

#### **Download App**



Download the FrogID app, iOS App or Android app, create an account to start recording frogs.

Explore Habitat

Get out in the field

to discover different

frogs and their diverse

habitats, remember

to wash your shoes between sites, and be careful where you tread. **Record & Submit** 



Record the frog calls you find out in the field and use the matching tool before submitting your frog calls.

**Get Results** 



Check back later to find your frog calls identified by the Australian Musuem and Audio DNA experts.





## DOWNLOAD AND TAKE THE PLEDGE

Once you've downloaded and installed the app there are a few things to do to make you an expert Frog recorder.

When you first launch the app you must agree to the Safe Frogging Guide - this is the FrogID Pledge.

FrogID safely identifies frogs in their habitat by recording and matching their calls.

- When you go frogging, please careful where you tread, and do not touch frogs.
- Clean and disinfect your footwear between frog habitats, so as not to spread frog germs.
- Become a frequent frogger, submit your frog calls and help save frogs!

Tick the box and click on Submit. You're nearly ready to start using FrogID.

There is a quick "How To" section that you can use to refresh yourself on how to use the APP. You can always access the "How To" via the About section in the Profile screen.

Next it's good to allow "FrogID" to know your location - Click ALLOW FrogID to access your location while you are using the app.

Lastly, it's a good idea to download offline content to you phone. These are images and calls of frogs in the APP. If you are in a remote location or have limited internet access you will be able to use all the features of FrogID without being connected to the internet.



### EXPLORE

The first section in the FrogID APP is the EXPLORE screen, featuring over 240 species of frog in Australia.

You can discover all the frog species by scrolling left through the circular buttons or 'Bubbles' - or in the list view below - scroll down to see more.

In the top left of the screen you can click on **FILTER** to refine the selection of frogs seen on the Explore screen.

**NEAR ME** will use your phone location service to only show frogs in your regional area.

**CALLING PERIOD** lets you select when frogs are calling by month.

**HABITAT** lets you choose the environment and water body you are exploring.

**ADULT BODY SIZE** helps search for frogs of certain sizes.

**COLOUR** is the general colour of a species you are looking for.

**STATE/TERRITORY** is by where frogs are located around Australia.

It is best to always have NEAR ME switched on, as this will make sure that only frogs known to be in your area are displayed in the explore section.



# FILTERS

Once FILTERs have been set, we can go back to EXPLORE and start looking at the frog species in our area. The larger circular buttons show the frogs that are most common and that are calling now. Scrolling right the bubbles become smaller and the further right you go, the frogs that are less likely to be around are displayed.

Selecting a frog will show you the details about that frog.

So it's best to focus on the frogs in the left of the group of bubbles.

If you click on a frog you can find more details about the species. You can find the Common Name, the Scientific Name, Conservation Status and you can scroll through more pictures of this frog species in the image carousel.

Below these details you can see the Calling Period Calendar which shows you the times this frog is most likely to be calling, and further down you can hear some examples of their calls.

Scrolling down there is a brief description of the frog species, a description of their preferred habitat, a distribution map, breeding biology description and the other frog species that are similar.

You can move to the next frog in the list using the arrows in the top right of the screen.





# RECORDING

The next section in the FrogID APP is the RECORDING section - this is where you can record the sounds of the frog you've found and enter some details like notes and photographs.

You need to give the APP permission to access your mobile's microphone for recording to work, so go to your settings and check allow access to the microphone.

Before you record you have to find a good spot - remember your FrogID Pledge and be careful not to disturb the frogs or their habitat. Frogs might stop calling if they're wary so try to be as quiet as possible. Make sure you are in a position where you are comfortable and won't slip or get tired as you need to keep your phone as still as you can while pointing in the direction of the frog call.

Press the red button to start recording. You need to record for at least 20 seconds or you will get a pop up saying Recording Cancelled. The longer you record the easier it will be to identify your frog. When you reach more than 20 seconds recording you can stop the recording by pressing the red record button again.

You can then add some information about your recording. This is useful in helping to validate the call and for building the database. Select the type of habitat the recording was done and the water body type. Click Next.

The App automatically chooses similar calls to yours and lets you listen so you can match you call as best you can. The big yellow button at the top is your recent recording – scroll down to listen to other calls and try to find the one that sounds most like yours. When you've found a call click the checkbox to the left and click Next.

In the Results page you may add Notes and Photos, anything that would be helpful for the experts to help verify your call.

Once you have done this you can click on the Submit button.

### PROFILE

If you have not created a profile or haven't logged in you'll need to do this to submit your frog call.

Log in on the Profile section or create a profile by signing up with your email address.

On your profile page you can see all the calls you've recorded, calls you've submitted, you're calls that have been verified as a frog species, and calls that can't be determined.

You can delete your records in your Not Submitted list at any time. Click on the Edit button, tap on your recording and press the trash icon. A popup will appear to check that you want to permanently delete your recordings.

You cannot delete your submitted recordings but you can archive them. Go into the Submitted or Verified list and select your records. Click on the file button and the Archive button in the pop up.

You can also check out the FrogID website for more FrogID info.

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