

## Amphibians in Eastern MT

- Amphibians require water to breed...usually the larval forms have gills and metamorphize to adults
- We are a semi-arid environment...

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- Florida has 52 species of amphibians
- Montana has 14 species of amphibians
- We only have \_\_\_\_\_ frogs in Eastern MT \_ 2
- We only have \_\_\_\_\_ toads in Eastern MT

Not a toad... "Horny toad" ie: Greater short-horned lizard -not an amphibian, but a reptile! If you see these, please GPS the location, get a picture, and send the info to FWP! 

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## Why so many toads (and frogs) this year?

- Two years of extreme drought in 2021 and 2022
- If there is no water, there is no successful breeding
- THANKFULLY...there was sufficient and timely moisture this year
- This lead to "explosive" breeding, dispersion, and movement

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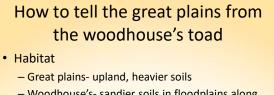
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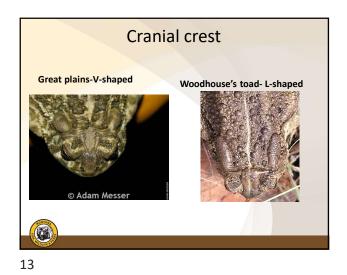
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 Woodhouse's- sandier soils in floodplains along the major rivers





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## Citizen Scientists!

- <u>https://www.inaturalist.org/</u>
- Amphibians in Montana are still poorly understood compared to other species
- Download this app on your phone, take observations and pics of your finds, and upload to the app/web.
- If verified, these can then be added to our database of observations

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