

# Common frog

*Rana temporaria* (Linnaeus, 1758)

The common frog is very common in the mountains. Its back is brown/grey in colour and is dotted with small blackish markings of varying numbers. Its muzzle is rounded. In spring, the common frog lays eggs in compact clusters containing several thousand eggs, which often float on the surface of the water. It has a mainly terrestrial lifestyle but never stays far from the water in which it breeds. In winter, it sinks or crawls under dead leaves to protect itself from the cold.

## Not to confuse

The agile frog is very similar to the common frog but is only found in the lowlands (up to 1000m altitude). Agile frogs usually have their eggs attached to a vertical support (reed, branch, etc.) at the centre, whereas those of the common frog float freely. The adult agile frog has a more pointed snout and longer hind legs.

## To know

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## Common names

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## Environment

wetlands, wet meadows, forests (hibernation)

## Altitude

0 - 2800m

## Size

5-9 cm

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