

COMMON FROG

Loscann Coiteann *Rana temporaria*

The Common Frog is the only species of frog found in Ireland and is listed as an internationally important species.

Lifetime: Common Frog can live for 7-8 years. In winter frogs hide in frost-free refuges, under tree stumps, in stacks of turf, or in rock piles where they enter torpor until the following spring. Young frogs usually double in size by the following autumn.

Diet: Snails, Slugs, Worms, Spiders, Flies and other insects which they catch with their long, sticky tongues.

Habitat: Tends to jump not walk. Damp vegetation, camouflaged ponds, hedgerows.

Did you know? Their eyes and nostrils are on top of their heads so they can see and breathe even when most of their body is underwater. Common frogs can breathe through their skin as well as their lungs.

Sé an loscann coiteann an t-aon speiceas loscainn atá le fáil in Éirinn agus tá sé luaite mar speiceas tábhachtach go hidirnáisiúnta.

Fad Saoil: Maireann an loscann coiteann ar feadh 7-8 mbliana. I rith an gheimhridh téann na loscainn i bhfolach i dtreimhne gan sioc, faoi stocáin chrann, i gcuacha móna nó i gcairn charraigeacha, áit a ngeimhríonn siad go dtí an tEarrach ina dhiaidh sin. Dúbláíonn méid na loscann óga faoin bhFómhar ina dhiaidh sin de ghnáth.

Cothú: Seilmidí, Drúchtíní, Péisteanna, Damháin alla, Cuileoga agus feithidí eile a mbeireann siad orthu lena dteangacha fada greamannacha.

Gnáthóg: Tá an claonadh ann léim murab ionann agus siúl. Fásra tais, linnte duaitnfochta, fála sceach.

An raibh a fhios agat? Tá a súile agus a bpolláirí ar bharr a gceann le gur féidir leo anáil go fiú agus an chuid is mó den chorp faoi uisce. Féadann na loscainn choiteanna anáil leis an gceann chomh maith leis na scamhóga.

