

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## European Spadefoot Toad

*Pelobates fuscus*

The European Spadefoot Toad is a medium-sized amphibian recognized for its stout, rounded body and vertical, cat-like pupils. Its skin is generally smooth and colored in shades of brown or gray, ofte...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Amphibian

**Family:** Pelobatidae

**Habitat:** Sandy lowlands, grasslands, and open forests near temporary or permanent freshwater bodies

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 6-10 years

**Weight:** 15-40 grams

**Scientific name:** *Pelobates fuscus*

### Did you know?

- When threatened, the European Spadefoot Toad can emit a noxious secretion with a garlic-like odor to deter predators.
- European Spadefoot Toads can dig backwards into the ground using their uniquely adapted spade-shaped hind feet. Their tadpoles can grow exceptionally...

### What I learned

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