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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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