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Animal Fact Sheet

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Houston Toad

Anaxyrus houstonensis

The Houston toad is a small, rare amphibian native to the sandy soils and pine forests of east-central Texas, USA. Characterized by its brownish, warty skin and dark spots, it measures about 2 to 3.5…

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian
Family: Bufonidae
Habitat: Sandy woodlands and pine forests
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Critically Endangered
Lifespan: 2-6 years
Weight: 8-15 grams
Scientific name: Anaxyrus houstonensis

Did you know?

- Despite being named after Houston, this toad is now extinct in the city itself due to urban development.
- Houston toads have a distinctive trill call that can be heard over long distances during breeding season. They rely on ephemeral pools that form afte…

What I learned

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