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Animal Fact Sheet

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Spadefoot Toad

Spea bombifrons

Spadefoot toads (families Scaphiopodidae and Pelobatidae) are burrowers built around one tool: a hard, keratinised, sharp-edged tubercle on each hind foot, the "spade", with which the animal digs bac…

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian
Family: Scaphiopodidae
Habitat: Arid and semi-arid grasslands, prairies, and deserts
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 4-7 years
Weight: 15-50 grams
Scientific name: Spea bombifrons

Did you know?

- Unlike most toads, Spadefoot Toads have smooth, moist skin and vertical pupils, traits more commonly associated with frogs.
- Spadefoot tadpoles can complete metamorphosis in about eight days, among the fastest of any frog, because their pool is evaporating beneath them. Whe…

What I learned

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