

# Amazon horned FROG

Famed for its big appetite and its bad temper, the Amazon horned frog can grow to reach the size of a small dinner plate.

## ENORMOUS GAPE

With a mouth that is wider than the length of its body, the Amazon horned frog can gobble up prey almost as big as itself.

## Patient PREDATOR

**Amazon horned frogs are voracious carnivores.** They ambush their prey by sitting quietly and waiting for it to approach, before striking with a sudden snap of their jaws. **Amazon horned frogs aren't picky eaters.** Mostly they live on a diet of ants and other insects, but they will try to eat any animal smaller than themselves, including mice and, occasionally, rats. They don't always get it right, and may try to take on an animal that is too big for them to stomach.



**Watch your feet!** The Amazon horned frog will sometimes defend itself by attacking people if it is disturbed. They tend to grab anything that comes near them that could be edible.



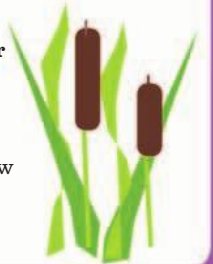
## Impressive **HORNS**

As its name suggests, the **Amazon horned frog** has big fleshy horns above its eyes. These are the largest horns of any of the horned frog species. These pointed brows help to disguise the frog's shape as it sits among the leaves on the forest floor awaiting its prey.

## FROG FACTS



- Unlike other tadpoles, the Amazon horned frog tadpoles are **predatory** from the start. When they hatch, they attack other tadpoles and even attack each other.
- Females lay up to **1,000** eggs! They lay their eggs around aquatic plants.
- Males are **slightly smaller** than females. They make a mating call that sounds like a cow lowing (making a "moo" sound).



This frog grows up to 8 in (20 cm) in length.