


FROGS & TOADS

This exhibit describes some Family characteristics of Frogs and Toads, and their roles in Science, Literature, The Arts and other creative works of Man.

 Indicates an item of special interest.



Tree Frog

 Final preliminary drawing by Hannes Margreiter
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Most people are unaware of the many contributions made by Frogs and Toads to our world. They are the least harmful to Man of any major Zoological Class.

They destroy harmful insects, acting as a check on our competitors for food and become food for Man when grown to sufficient size.

Miracle drugs and medicines have been discovered in their body fluids. Invaluable scientific knowledge has been gained through studies of their blood and hearts that has saved human lives.

Their elegant shapes and brilliant colors have been copied on art objects since prehistoric times; and they have been immortalized by renowned authors, artists and composers.

Many species of the Anura are in danger of extinction. Their disappearance is a warning signal to Man that he must restore the ecological balance of his environment or His world will cease to exist.