

Scaling the City: CLARE Record form

What have you spotted?

AMPHIBIANS

Common frog How many?
 Other information (e.g. spawn/froglet/juvenile, male/female, dead.) _____

Common toad How many?
 Other information (e.g. spawn/toadlet/juvenile, male/female, dead.) _____

Smooth newt How many?
 Other information (e.g. eggs/juvenile, male/female, dead.) _____

Palmate newt How many?
 Other information (e.g. eggs/juvenile, male/female, dead.) _____

Great crested newt How many?
 Other information (e.g. eggs, juvenile, male/female, dead.) _____

REPTILES

Slow-worm How many?
 Other information (e.g. juvenile, male/female, dead.) _____

Grass snake How many?
 Other information (e.g. eggs/juvenile, male/female, dead.) _____

Adder How many?
 Other information (e.g. juvenile, male/female, dead.) _____

Common (or Viviparous) lizard How many?
 Other information (e.g. juvenile, male/female, dead.) _____

You may also spot some species which are not native to the UK:

NON-NATIVE AMPHIBIANS (e.g. Green frog, Midwife toad, Alpine newt)

The marsh, pool and edible frog can all look very similar to each other and so tend to be put under the term 'green frogs' (though can equally be brown or multi-coloured).

Which one(s) How many?
 Other information (e.g. eggs/spawn/juvenile/froglet/toadlet, male/female, dead) _____

NON-NATIVE REPTILES (e.g. Wall lizard, Green lizard, Aesculapian snake)

Which one(s) How many?
 Other information (e.g. eggs, juvenile, male/female, dead.) _____

Where did you spot it/them?

Location (Please provide as much information as possible)
 London Borough: _____
 Street: _____
 Post code/Grid Reference: _____
 Other location information: _____

What kind of habitat?

(e.g. parks, allotments, road, open country) _____

When did you spot it/them?

DD/MM/YY
 Time of day (e.g. early morning, late afternoon) _____

About you (Optional)

From time to time we might want to contact you regarding your sighting to find out more information – especially if it is rare.

Your name _____
 Your email address _____
 Your telephone number _____

All you need to do once you've filled in the form is detach it along the perforation. Fold in half and moisten the gummed edge to seal down the flap and pop it in the post!

COMMON FROG



Rana temporaria

Adults 6-7 cm. Smooth, moist skin with a rounded snout and a dark patch behind each eye.

Colour varies from brown to olive and sometimes even orange/red. Froglets leave water mid-summer.



GREAT CRESTED NEWT



Triturus cristatus

Grows to 16 cm, but usually smaller. Skin is rough. Both males and females have orange/yellow bellies with irregular black spots. Males have a jagged crest running along the back, with a break at the base of the tail.



PALMATE NEWT

Lissotriton (Triturus) helveticus

Grows to 9 cm, but sometimes much smaller. Has a thread-like tip to the tail and dark, webbed hind-feet.

Female looks similar to smooth newt but has a pale or pink throat.



SLOW-WORM

Anguis fragilis

Adult length 35-40 cm. Generally grey or brown, with small shiny scales giving a metallic appearance. Blue spots can be seen on some males, females have darker coloured flanks and often a black line running along the back.

The most common reptile in London, it is our only legless lizard, found in a variety of habitats including gardens.



COMMON TOAD

Bufo bufo

Adults 5-9 cm. Rough, warty skin. Brown to grey/black with darker markings and copper coloured eyes. Makes small hops rather than the jump of the common frog.

Spawn is laid in jelly-like strings, wrapped around plants.



GRASS SNAKE

Natrix natrix

Adult length 70-100 cm. Body colour ranges from bright green to dark olive but can even appear to be black from a distance. Distinguishing feature is its yellow or cream collar behind the head.

Often found near open woodland, hedgerows and gardens.



COMMON (OR VIVIPAROUS) LIZARD

Zootoca (Lacerta) vivipara

Adult length 13-15 cm. Colouration and markings variable but background colouration generally brown. Males tend to have a flecked pattern on back, females tend to have stripes.



ADDER

Vipera berus

A stocky snake, adult length 40-70 cm. Males typically grey with a black zigzag stripe, females generally brown with a dark brown zigzag stripe. Black adders are found in some areas. New-born 16 cm. Some young are brick red.

Found in open habitats such as heathlands and commons, woodland edges and road and rail embankments.

