

The Wally-Eyed Floogle Frog!



Phylum: Chordata

Class: Amphibia

Order: Anura

Species: Scaphiopus

Genus: Flugelus

The Wally-Eyed Floogle Frog is one of the most endangered species of frog in the world. This is disconcerting because, like all frogs, the Floogle Frog is a keystone species. The health of any given ecosystem can often be ascertained by the health of the frogs. The main threat to the Floogle Frog is loss of habitat and water contamination. The Floogle Frog absorbs toxins through its skin, which makes it especially susceptible to pollutants. Its dramatic decline over the last 100 years is a testament to the state of our water bodies. The current habitat of the Floogle Frog is the largely in the Andosciaville Greenspace Preserve and some surrounding habitats.

The Floogle Frog is a voracious eater. As a juvenile frog, the Floogle can eat millions of small insects like mosquitos and flies. As the frog matures it moves on to larger insects such as roaches and other insects considered vermin to humans, and has even been known to eat small mice. It is also prey of many snakes such as the endangered blue indigo.

Currently there is no known commercial value associated with the Floogle Frog. Their rarity and the difficulties of husbanding the Floogle Frog make them poor pets for all but the most experienced herpetologist. One scientist is working on an extract from the Floogle Frog's parotoid glands believing that this foul tasting toxin may have useful applications in medicine, such as pain relief, blood thinning, etc.