

mini CONSERVATION HERO



BAW BAW FROG FUN FACTS



The Baw Baw Frog is an amphibian. Amphibian = small vertebrates that need water, or a moist environment, to survive. Includes frogs and toads.



Eggs and larvae take around

10 weeks to develop

into small frogs and between

4 to 6 years to mature into adults

Baw Baw Frogs lay up to

180 EGGS in one big pile



The Baw Baw Frog is **ONLY FOUND ON MT BAW BAW** in Victoria.



They are very **SECRETIVE** and spend most of their life **UNDER VEGETATION**

MAJOR THREATS

Chytrid fungus is an **infectious disease** that is a big cause of frog deaths worldwide. There is **no known cure** for the disease.

The Baw Baw Frog is **critically endangered** with less than **1,000** left in the wild.



Hungry?

They feed on many different types of **invertebrates**.

INVERTEBRATES = ANIMALS THAT HAVE NO BACKBONE e.g. leeches, earthworms, snails, insects, spiders.



Their breeding season is very short, lasting only around 6 weeks during October and November



Love is in the... burrow?

Male Baw Baw Frogs build special burrows. They call from their burrows to attract females.

FIGHTING EXTINCTION



Melbourne Zoo led the way in developing a captive insurance population for the Baw Baw Frog.



Zoos Victoria is also researching the role of chytrid fungus in the decline of frog numbers.

AT-HOME ACTIVITY

Come up with a poem for the Baw Baw Frog, do your best to try and make it rhyme!

