

Oriental Fire Bellied Toads

(Bombina bombina)

Country of Origin	China, Thailand, Korea, SE Asia
Average Size	0.5 – 1 Inch
Temperament	Fast
Food Source	Livefood
Experience Level	Beginner



The Oriental Fire Bellied Toad is a small attractive frog that can be found native to China, Thailand, Korea, South East Asia and in some parts of Russia. The colour varies from bright green to a dull brown with black spots, and a bright red underside, from which the common name originates.

This frog is best kept in medium – large sized groups in a semi aquatic tank or vivarium. They require little size due to their small stature and a group of 8 or more could be kept in a two foot tank. The best setup is a marsh-like substrate consisting of soil, bark chips or moss (or a combination). Provide ample furnishings such as logs and rocks, and a large bowl of water that can be bathed and swum in, but ensure there is somewhere the frogs can climb out, as they will spend a considerable amount of time on land.

They require no heating as long as the ambient room temperature does not drop below 15C, and although the tank can be lit, there is no necessity for it, as long as they are kept in a bright room. It has however been suggested that these frogs may benefit from full UVB light. To maximise natural light and utilise a semi aquatic environment these frogs are suitable to be kept in glass tanks and exo terra vivariums, which will be more hardy and waterproof than wooden vivariums. They can also be kept in plastic faunariums.

They will take a variety of livefood and should be fed every 2-3 days as adults, and daily as youngsters. They most commonly eat crickets, mealworms and waxworms, and are notoriously good feeders, eating most things that can fit in their mouth. This includes smaller frogs so do not keep babies in with adults – try to keep your frogs roughly the same size! They will breed in captivity if kept in large enough groups – you may hear the males croaking to the females come spring.

Because of their attractive colouration, hardy nature and low cost, these make ideal starter pets and are great for children or adults.

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