

# Exploring Clever Prey: Red Eyed Tree Frogs

## Red Eye Tree Frog Facts

### Did you know.....

Red-Eyed Tree Frogs are amphibians.

Female Red-eyed tree frogs lay their eggs on leaves. Once the eggs hatch, little tadpoles slide off the lily pad into the water where they will live until they turn into little frogs and live in trees.

Adult Red-eyed tree frogs are bright green with blue and yellow stripes on their sides and orange or red feet and of course red eyes!

Their green bodies help them to blend into the trees.

Their red eyes scare predators so they can hop away.

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/amphibians/red-eyed-tree-frog/>

### Red-Eyed Tree Frog

## Activity

**Materials:** Green paint or markers, paper plate, glue or tape, red, green, and black construction paper

**What you will do:** Start making a frog mask by cutting your paper plate in half and painting the front green. Cut 2 red circles for eyes. Cut 2 thin black diamonds for pupils. Cut a thin, long red rectangle for a tongue. Roll the tongue tightly to make it curl. Glue the black pupils to the red eyes. Glue the eyes to the plate. Glue to tongue to the front of the plate and let dry. Then give your child the frog mask and tell them that they are the frog and you are the tree. Place green pieces of paper on the floor in between you and your child to represent lily pads. Then say "Little egg, little egg can't you see? The sun's going down so it's time to roll home to me!" and have your child act as a frog egg and roll to the next lily pad. Then say, "tadpole, tadpole can't you see? The tide is getting strong, so it's time to swim home to me!" and have your child pretend to swim to the next lily pad. Then finally say, "little frog, little frog can't you see? You're a big bright red-eyed tree frog and your home is here with me!"

**Discuss:** Explain to your child that red-eyed tree frogs start out as eggs and live on the lily pads. Then they grow into tadpoles and live in ponds. Finally they grow legs and develop bright colors and live in trees.

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