

Wallum rocketfrog

Litoria freycineti

- *Litoria freycineti* is a moderately-sized frog whose females can reach 42mm. Males are slightly smaller at 39mm.
- They live around swamps, perched lakes and drainage lines in coastal and sub-coastal wet heath; the 'Wallum' country, along the coast between Fraser Island and adjacent coastal areas to Jervis Bay in NSW.
- They rely on water for breeding but have been recorded in adjacent forests away from water.
- Their call is a rapid series of drawn out yaps and quacks, occasionally quavering.
- *L. freycineti* breed in spring and summer following rain, attaching eggs to the substrate of temporary water bodies.
- This species has very reduced toe pads and is consequently not a good climber. There is no webbing between the fingers and the toes have partial webbing. Their back colouring is fawn or grey with irregular darker spots and blotches and is warty. A dark stripe runs from the snout, through the eye and to the shoulder; broken in front of the eye by a white streak. Belly colour is white with darker flecks along the jaw line of breeding males.
- Threats include habitat loss and fragmentation from development, agriculture and pine plantations. Other threats include weed invasion, water extraction, inappropriate fire, degraded water quality, changed hydrology and competition and predation from the mosquito fish (*Gambusia holbrooki*). The Striped rocketfrog (*L. nasuta*) can be a significant competitor in disturbed areas.

Vulnerable under Queensland Nature Conservation Act, 1992



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Moderate-sized frog to 42mm long with irregular grey and brown colouring and a warty back.



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