

The Houston Toad

A Lost Pines Region Endangered Species

The Houston Toad is 2 to 3.5 inches long and varies in color from light brown to gray or purplish gray, sometimes with green patches. It is a terrestrial amphibian associated with deep sandy soils within the Post Oak Savannah vegetational area of east central Texas. Habitat loss and alteration are the most serious threats facing the Houston Toad.

Scientists have classified approximately 1.7 million organisms with many more yet to be described. All of these living creatures, including ourselves, are part of a delicately balanced network. When a creature is in danger of extinction, as is the Houston Toad, its removal may set off a chain reaction that can affect many other creatures. Maintaining biodiversity allows us to keep options open for responding to a changing environment and provides opportunities for discovering and developing new foods, drugs and industrial products.

Bastrop County and the Lost Pines Habitat Conservation Plan work for the long-term conservation of the Houston Toad in a manner consistent with the needs, values, and resources of the local community.

The City of Bastrop Art in Public Places is offering a fun way to celebrate this local celebrity.

For more information on how to support the efforts to save the Houston Toad go to www.co.bastrop.tx.us/site/content/lostpineshabitat

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Toads In Town A Bronze Sculpture Series

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A 5-th generation Texan, Clint Howard grew up in San Marcos, Texas, where he attended Texas State University and studied sculpture and jewelry while also serving as a teaching assistant for the sculpture department and running the university foundry. In 1999, he left school to purchase Deep in the Heart Art Foundry in Bastrop, and has since grown the business to one of the largest in the nation.

Over the years, Clint has also built a large body of personal work, including a life-sized moose for the Columbus Ohio Zoo, a heroic-scale firefighter entitled "In Moments Valor" for the Bastrop Fire Department and the iconic Buc-ee's beaver found outside Buc-ee's locations. In addition, he was a contributing sculptor for the Texas Vietnam Veteran's Memorial on the Texas State Capitol Grounds and was recently selected to design and sculpt the memorial for the Texas Department of Public Safety in Austin, TX.

Toads In Town



Find these toads and help
tell their story!

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Floatin' Gary

... is heading to the river for a bit of cool fun. You can find him behind the Museum and Visitor Center near the stairs heading down to the river.

Wailin' Willie

... is waiting for a live music session in town. He can be found strumming his guitar on the south side of Chestnut Street next to a light pole before you get the Iconic Old Iron Bridge.

Croakie and Juliet

..... are toadally in love, and you'll see for yourself. They can be found declaring their love on the south side of Main Street just before reaching the iconic Old Iron Bridge.

Find The Toads and Help Tell Their Story!

We challenge to find each toad and write something, anything you think could be a fun addition to their story. What are they doing? Where are they going? Where have they been? We encourage you to create a story of your own. After you have found each toad and written a piece of their story, return this brochure to the Museum and Visitor Center to claim a small prize!

Thaddeus T. Toad

... just picked up a new book and can be found reading it at, non other than, the Bastrop Public Library. Look for him near the flagpole.

Beckham

... is resting after a well played soccer game at the park. Find him at the top of the stairs by the library.

Tex & Rolly

... is hanging out with his buddy Rolly and they are looking for some fun. Find them near the kiosk at Spring Street and Main Street.

Tiana & Tad

... have done some serious shopping downtown. They are heading to the parking lot via the sidewalk next to 919 Main Street.

Mon Ami Pierre

.... has the perfect spot to complete his painting of the old historic Bastrop County Jail and courthouse at the corner of Pine Street and Water Street.

