

## Episode Thirty Nine: Eastern Banjo Frog | Week of January 31st

[LILLY BY [BOQEH](#) PLAYS THROUGHOUT]

**KIM**

Howdy. It's January 31st, 2022, I'm Kim, and the frog of the week is the Eastern Banjo Frog.

Lemme guess- you think this frog is from the American South. So did I! But in fact, it's endemic to eastern Australia. There are five subspecies- the most recognizable of which is mottled brown or gray, with yellow or orange sides. But there's a fair amount of variation, with one subspecies even being blue in color.

The Eastern Banjo Frog is a burrowing species, spending most of its time underground when the weather is dry, but surfacing en masse after rain. They're even known to call from their underground burrows. The Eastern Banjo Frog gets its name from this call- a gentle bonk, which is said to resemble the sound of a banjo string being plucked.

[BANJO MUSIC PLAYS, THEN STOPS ABRUPTLY]

**KIM**

Oh I'm sorry, I think we got the wrong audio there. They sound so similar. AJ could you, uh, just fix that?

[EASTERN BANJO FROG CALL PLAYS]

**KIM**

Yee haw!

Thanks to this cute call, the Banjo Frog is sometimes called the pobblebonk, which sounds like something Alice might have encountered in Wonderland.

I like this frog because of its natural musical talents. Just remember- if you're ever about to head down to a hootenanny and your banjo string breaks, this frog has got you covered.

And that's the frog of the week. Thank you to Rain for suggesting the Eastern Banjo Frog. If you liked the show, we'd be very grateful if you gave us a rating or review. You can also find us at [frogpod.online](#), or @WeeklyFrogPod on Twitter.

Thanks for joining us. See you next week.

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