

Episode Fourteen: Darwin's Frog | Week of July 5th

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

KIM

Good evening. It's July 5th, 2021, I'm Kim, and the frog of the week is the Darwin's Frog.

The name "Darwin's Frog" may refer to a family of frogs known as Rhinodermatidae, or a species of frog within that family. Today we're talking about that species, which is also known as the Southern Darwin's Frog.

This frog lives in forest streams of Chile and Argentina, and is named after- you guessed it- Charles Darwin. Females are typically brown, while males can be brown or green, but each has a flat back and a pointed, triangular snout which make it look like a fallen leaf- very useful for avoiding predators.

Female Darwin's frogs lay their eggs on the forest floor. The male will then guard them for up to 4 weeks and then swallow them.

[HOP WINDS DOWN TO SILENCE]

KIM

Oh, sorry, he doesn't actually swallow them. He just holds them in his vocal sac to keep them safe.

[HOP WINDS BACK UP TO RESUME]

KIM

There they will hatch and undergo metamorphosis until finally they are ready to take their first hops into the world.

The call of the Darwin frog is a high-pitched "peep."

[DARWIN'S FROG CALL PLAYS]

KIM

I like this frog because it's such a good and nurturing parent. This is one dad who won't go out for a pack of cigarettes and then never come back.

And that's the frog of the week. If you're lovin' these frogs as much as we are, why not give us a rating or review? Follow us on twitter, @WeeklyFrogPod, or go to our website, frogpod.online.

Thanks for joining us. See you next week.

[HOP BY [BOQEH](#) FADES OUT]