Amphibian and reptile bingo

Next time you’re out and about, see how many of these you can identify. You may not find them all as some are rarer than others.

**Common frog** – Female frogs lay around 2,000 eggs (frogspawn) in water. Less than three in every thousand survive to become a mature adult!

**Common lizard** – This fast-moving chap is particularly at home on sunny banks with lots of hiding places. Go early in the morning to get a good look.

**Great crested newt** – Biggest and rarest newt in the UK, reaching around 15cm. Identifiable by its dark, warty skin and its jagged, dragon-like crest.

**Grass snake** – Often seen marauding ponds and rivers in late spring and summer looking for amphibian prey. Can reach up to 5ft long!

**Common toad** – To avoid predators like grass snakes, toads blow themselves up like balloons in order to make predators think they’re too big to swallow.

**Slow worm** – Has a thin, bullet-shaped head and smooth, shiny scales. Often mistaken for a snake but is, in fact, a legless lizard.

**Bingo!**