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Learn about Dart Frogs!

Frogs are amphibians, and like all amphibians they go through metamorphosis, a big change between being a baby and being an adult! Many dart frogs help give their young a head start by carrying their tadpoles from tiny pools up to bromeliads, plants that hold water, that are great places for tadpoles to grow.

Ecosystem Indicators

Frogs need healthy environments to live in, so polluted habitat will not have very many frogs. Scientists use frogs as an indicator species, to help keep track of the health of an ecosystem as a whole.



The Little Rock Zoo supports Frog Watch USA, a citizen science project that is working on monitoring the health of frog populations here in the USA.

Want to Learn more? Check out these links and activities!

Amphibian Survival Alliance and FrogWatch USA:

<https://www.amphibians.org/who-we-are/why-amphibians/>
<https://www.aza.org/frogwatch>

National Geographic:

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/amphibians/group/poison-dart-frogs/>
<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/media/photo-ark-amphibians-risk/>
<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/media/get-outside-citizen-science-projects/>

Other:

Nat Geo - Strawberry Poison Dart Frog: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4SispCYiUTE>

Smithsonian National Zoo: <https://nationalzoo.si.edu/animals/poison-frogs>

San Diego Zoo: <https://animals.sandiegozoo.org/animals/poison-frog>

Build a Dart Frog Habitat

Bromeliads are tropical rainforest plants that grow on the branches of trees! They often hold a small pond of water which is perfect habitat for dart frogs and other small creatures, like insect larvae!

- 1) Color your bromeliad plant (rectangle and triangles), your pond, and your frogs!
- 2) Cut out your pond and bromeliad.
- 3) Roll the rectangle into a cylinder, use the tab to glue it in place.
- 4) Use the tabs on the pond to glue your pond into the cylinder.
- 5) Fold back your leaves!
- (Reuse your scrap paper to make more leaves!)
- 6) Cut out and paste your frogs into their new home!

