

LBB Toad report 2021

25 toad records were received in 2021, from 21 locations. There was evidence of breeding in 11 ponds, 3 of which were garden ponds not previously recorded. All of these were in Chislehurst: one in The Glebe (nr Coopers School), one in Paget Gardens Chislehurst (near the cricket Ground) and one in Lower Campden Road. 1 toad reported was roadkill (near Milk Street railway bridge).

Previous years of this survey show that there were 15 records with 3 breeding ponds in 2017, 24 records in 2018 with 7 breeding ponds, 17 records in 2019 with 7 breeding ponds and 34 records from 31 locations in 2020 with evidence of breeding in 14 ponds. A total of about 80 locations including 32 breeding ponds have now been recorded since the survey began in 2017.

Coverage of the borough appears quite good, but there are gaps especially in the rural south of the borough, where as well as less gardens with ponds, much of the soil is derived from free draining chalk beneath. There is also a lack of records in some more urban areas e.g. Beckenham, Langley Park, Eden Park, Elmers End, Penge, St. Paul's Cray, St. Mary Cray, parts of Orpington and Biggin Hill. There is a need to better publicise the ongoing survey and encourage more people to submit records.

All records received have been sent to the local records centre, Greenspace Information for Greater London (GiGL) and Kent Reptile and Amphibian Group (KRAG).

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