

Mt Ballow mountain frog

Philoria knowlesi

Queensland National Parks that protect them

In Queensland, this endangered species is protected within Mount Barney National Park.

Habitat

Occurs only in a small patch of rainforest and nearby forests in the McPherson Ranges along the Queensland New South Wales border.

Frogs are often identified by their calls. The Mt Ballow mountain frog male mating call is a short, sharp, low 'orc'.

Fun facts

A small frog that lives on the ground. It's only about 3cm in body length.

This fascinating frog is a newly-described species, only scientifically named in 2022.

Why Ranger's fave animal?

'We're working hard to protect this tiny, endangered frog. Sadly, they were impacted by the devastating Black Summer bushfires. In 2024 we partnered with neighbours to carry out a carefully planned conservation burn in Mount Barney National Park and adjacent Bartopia and Bulimbah Nature Refuges. This work helps the frog's long-term recovery and reduces the risk of future bushfires impacting their rainforest habitat.'

— Ranger Andrew

