

# AMANI FOREST TREE FROG

*Leptopelis vermiculatus*  
Boulenger, 1909



## CLASSIFICATION

**Class:** Amphibia

**Order:** Anura

**Family:** Arthroleptidae

No recognized subspecies



NOT LISTED

RARE



ENDANGERED

**Identification** : Adults can reach up to 8.5 cm in length with females being nearly twice as large as males. Large eyes. Juveniles are green with black dots. Adults are mottled beige-brown with dark green markings and a green triangle on back.

**Range**: The species is found in eastern Africa and is endemic to Tanzania. It only occurs in mountain ranges in the eastern part of the country.

**Habitat** : Most forested habitats, also man-made ponds, up to 1800 m.

**Behavior**: Nocturnal species, often found on leaves and branches near or above water. Feeds mostly on small invertebrates. Eggs are laid in or near water.

**Status in the wild**: The species remains locally common but its range is highly fragmented and the species is declining alarmingly because of habitat loss.

**In captivity**: The species is considered quite rare in captivity and hasn't often been bred. It's known from around 5 zoos in Europe and a few more collections in America. Very rarely bred outside private collections.