

WESTERN LEOPARD TOAD BREEDING SEASON 2014 IS ABOUT TO START
Volunteer information and training session to be hosted this weekend

CAPE TOWN, 21 JULY 2014: It's almost breeding season for one of the Cape's most handsome residents: the Western Leopard Toad. This means we will soon be sharing our roads with these endangered creatures as they migrate from suburban gardens to their breeding grounds. The most important thing we as Capetonians can do is stay alert in all toad areas; especially on roads surrounding the breeding ponds – the danger of becoming road kill is one of the biggest threats facing these fascinating toads.

Should you wish to do even more to help save our amphibian neighbours from extinction, you can volunteer to help the migrating toads cross our roads safely – essentially ensuring the next generation of toads! Breeding season usually lasts about a week, most often in August. An information and training session for existing and prospective volunteers alike will be held on Saturday, 26 July 2014 from 10 – 11.30 AM at the Tokai Library (on Tokai Road). Anyone who is interested in protection of these beautiful animals can attend to learn more about what the Western Leopard Toad volunteers do, why they do it and how to help.

Representatives from the following toad migration hotspots will be on hand to answer questions about these garden-friendly toads: Bergvliet, Grassy Park, Kirstenhof, Lakeside, Marina da Gama, Muizenberg, Observatory, Ottery and Tokai.

If you are unable to attend, or live in another area and want to know more about toad activity where you live and how you can get involved, please visit the website <http://www.leopardtoad.co.za/> or call the hotline 082 516 3602.

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About Western Leopard Toad Conservation Committee

The Western Leopard Toad Conservation Committee (WLT-CC) was formed in 2007 with its main function to combine ideas and scientific knowledge to ensure sound, factual information is circulated by the public and in the media. The committee also aims to oversee all activities surrounding the species, including that in the field of research, monitoring, fund raising and volunteer work.

The committee contains representatives from the following organisations:

- South African National Biodiversity Institute
- Cape Nature
- City of Cape Town
- Overstrand Municipality
- Table Mountain National Park
- Volunteers

The Western Leopard Toad is listed as an endangered species. To find out more about this beautiful animal, and how you can get involved in its protection, please visit <http://www.leopardtoad.co.za/>.

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