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eastern united states it is not considered a true toad with bufonidae being the family of true toads spadefoot toad relatively smooth skinned amphibian of either the old world genus pelobates or of the genera scaphiopus and spea of north america all spadefoot toads are classified in the family pelobatidae spadefoot toads have a broad horny spade projecting from the inside of each hind foot the spadefoot toads of north america possess the usual array of toad like features including a round and stocky body with protruding eyes and short feet their name is derived from the hard keratinous protrusions in their hind feet which allows them to efficiently dig backwards into the soil spadefoot toads are one of the best known examples of fossorial frogs they gained their name because three of the genera have a specially adapted hind foot which enables effective burrowing many spadefoot toads live in arid habitats and they are uniquely adapted to harsh dry environments the plains spadefoot toad 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