



Invasive Alien Species

Cane Toad aka Marine Toad (*Rhinella marina* formerly *Bufo marinus*)

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Keeping toads out your backyard

HABITAT & HABIT

- Adults hunt at night;
- May last several days without water
- They tend to lay their eggs on edges of slow flowing, shallow ponds or any standing body of water;
- Prefers human disturbed environment;
- Not frightened by humans but learns quickly to avoid being caught;
- Will eat almost anything it can catch; will even eat dog or cat food. **Secure all pet foods.**

There are a number of things you can do to help keep cane toads out of your backyard. The most successful way to ensure your property is toad-free is to regularly 'toad bust' your yard.

Toad Busting

Toad busting your yard involves regularly checking your property for toads. You'll need a plastic bag or container with air holes to hold the toads, rubber or gardening gloves and eye protection.



Turn off your outside lights

Outdoor lights attract insects which attract cane toads. Reduce the attraction of toads to your house by turning off outside lights as much as possible.

Reduce water around the house

CANE TOADS WILL USE ANY source of water to breed in, so you must minimize the amount of water around your house. If you have a swimming pool you are advised to regularly treat the water to avoid any breeding.

If you have a natural or man-made pond you need to check regularly for eggs; you are advised to scoop them out, let dry in an open area away from pets, and children and dispose after drying.

If you suspect that there are cane toad tadpoles in the pond contact Lyford Cay Security.

Check your load for a cane toad

Cane Toads are great stowaways and can easily be transported in your goods and luggage. When you are packing up to leave from an area where cane toads are present, it is important to thoroughly check that you are not accidentally carrying a cane toad.

Cane toads can hide in many places, such as:

- Boxes, crates and pallets
- Building materials
- Camping equipment (such as folded tarps, tents swags and chairs)
- Vehicles, trailers and caravans
- Boats (under the floor, bait boxes, tackle boxes and engine wells)
- Pipes (such as rod holders and conduit)

WHAT TO DO IF YOU THINK YOU FIND A CANE TOAD?

If you are 100% sure it is a cane toad, euthanize on sight and report to Lyford Cay Security. The most humane way is to use a plastic bag to pick up, double the bag, tightly seal and place in a freezer for a minimum of four (4) days.

DO NOT RELOCATE CANE TOADS

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SELL TO PET SHOPS

DO NOT TRY TO COLLECT A PAIR: MALE AND FEMALE

If you or your pet is exposed to toad toxin first aid treatment includes flushing with water the eyes, mouth and nose. Seek medical attention if symptoms persist.

If toxin is squirted into the mouth, immediately flush the mouth with water and take the patient to the emergency department of the nearest hospital.

REPORT THE LOCATION OF THE SIGHTING TO LYFORD CAY SECURITY. TAKE A PICTURE AND EMAIL TO: CANETOAD@BNT.BS

