## Archey's Frog Kuri Peke

Archey's frogs are terrestrial, living their entire life on land. They spend their days hiding under fallen logs, rocks, or among plant roots and vegetation which collect water when it rains. For Archey's frogs, a key challenge of their terrestrial lifestyle is the risk of dehydration.

## CREATURE CARD

Large round pupils, specially Tail wagging No middle ear adapted to see muscles, retained after or external at night metamorphosis eardrum Distinct colour No vocal sac, markings and patterns Leiopelma frogs cannot croak like on their skin other frogs Semipermeable skin that must stay damp so Long toes without toe pads or webbing which they can breathe helps them hold onto vegetation

Archey's frogs have many special adaptations to the terrestrial environment they inhabit. An adaptation can be how a species looks, behaves, and interacts with their environment.

Metamorphosis is a distinctive process seen in amphibians where they develop from a larval tadpole stage to a fully developed adult. However, Archey's frogs show parental care and embryos develop inside the egg. They have adapted to terrestrial conditions!







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