Toads

Today on Gardening in a Minute: toads.

Florida is home to several kinds of toads.

Fowler’s toad is found only in the panhandle. It has a white stripe running down its back, and resides in wet habitats.

The oak toad is the smallest toad in the U.S., reaching only about 1½ inches. It has a yellow strip along its back, and lives in upland scrub and other dry habitats.

The southern toad is characterized by highly pronounced knobs and crests on its head. It lives in sandy areas and marshes.

Florida’s toads aren’t harmful to humans or animals. But the huge invasive exotic cane toad is so poisonous that it can make pets very sick if they try to eat it. Cane toads eat pet food, so don’t leave it out where they can get to it.

For more information about toads and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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