

Pumice toad

The Basalt Lung

THREE FORMS



Pocket Pumice Toad

A 4 cm toad rests in a cool hollow, its pale throat closed.



Steam-Throat Toad

The toad sits upright with a rounded cream throat pouch, copper cheeks and four broad feet.



Basalt-Breath Toad

The throat relaxes after a call; a thin veil of condensation hangs nearby. Size stays 4 cm.

Three authored forms of an imagined species. Illustrations are not to a common scale.

Habitat

Cool shelves and pumice hollows in the Basalt Lung, near a small warm vent. The squat toad occupies the cool stone rather than the heated pocket.

Identifying features

Round squat toad with matte porous black-blue skin, copper-speckled cheeks, pale throat pouch and tiny broad feet.

Character & musical voice

A short throat pulse lengthens into a warm call, then settles into a low answering rhythm. Rounded croak-like bass articulation.