



HOUSTON TOADS

The small Houston toad only lives in a few places just east of Austin. Most of the year, they stay underground, but every spring, Houston toads travel to ponds to sing and lay their eggs. The eggs will hatch into tadpoles and then leave the pond as tiny toadlets.

Some scientists estimate there are fewer than 500 Houston toads in the wild. That means they are an endangered species and need our help.

Sometimes, TxDOT needs to build roads in places where Houston toads live. To help keep them safe, TxDOT made a special fence to keep the toads out of our construction sites. TxDOT also built tunnels under a highway in Bastrop County so Houston toads could safely cross underneath the road. And guess what? Deer, snakes, bobcats, and armadillos use the tunnels too!



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