

BOREAL TOAD PROJECT

2020 Season Highlights



*A remarkably light-colored boreal toad
photographed by Madeleine Bell*

2020 OVERVIEW

Against all odds, 2020 was an incredibly successful season on this project. Volunteer numbers are growing, and we're grateful to see that volunteers are getting outside safely to support boreal toad conservation. This year, you found toads on 25 surveys!

UNTIL NEXT YEAR...

We are preparing some of the toads in the zoo assurance colony for hibernation. This means dropping the temperature in their room, decreasing daylight hours, and building hibernation tubs of moss and sand. We will put the toads inside and pop them into a special chamber at 4°C, where they will snooze until March.

When they wake up, we hope they will breed so we can **reintroduce tadpoles to the wild in 2021!**



*Hogle Zoo Intern David
Janik documents toads
in the field*

KEY HIGHLIGHTS



45 Community Scientists participated in site visits



150 site visits were made



20 independent surveys were conducted in the Wasatch Front alone



Over 100 Sites were surveyed throughout Utah



Toads were located at **25 sites**

Thank you so much to our 2020 Boreal Toad volunteers and donors. You make this project possible.

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