

Southern Gastric Brooding Frog ^[1]

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The Southern Gastric Brooding Frog *Rheobatrachus silus*



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The Southern Gastric Brooding Frog (*Rheobatrachus silus*) was a frog species that lived in Australia. It was declared extinct in 2002. Once adult males fertilized the eggs of females, the females swallowed their eggs. The stomachs of the females then functioned somewhat like wombs, protecting the eggs while they gestated. Once the eggs developed into juveniles, female frogs performed oral birth and regurgitated their young.

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