

## METAMORPHOSES

by Ova

Water for rearing tadpoles to adulthood:

1g instant ocean and 1 drop instachlor (optional) for every 2L water.

Instant ocean contains minerals, especially iodine, necessary for metamorphosis.

Food: This is a special mixture we have used to accelerate tadpole growth.

2.5 g goldfish Tetra,

2.5 g trout chow,

5 g frog brittle

plus about 20 ml water

This will make up about 40 ml total mixed up into a fine paste using a mortar and pestle. You can store this mix in the lab fridge in a Falcon tube.

When feeding tadpoles make sure not to overfeed as the food gets caught in their gills and kills them. About a pinhead size speck for a bowl with no more than 10 animals every other day is ideal. Overcrowding will also inhibit growth and metamorphosis. If you want fast growth, keep animal density very low.

### VENDORS:

Available at hobby pet shops:

Instant Ocean sea salt from Instant Ocean  
Tetra - Hagen

Available to order online:

Frog Brittle - NASCO

Trout Chow - Sure Gain (this only comes in 50 lb bags – we should have one in the lab – as it is used by fisheries to grow trout for your dinner table.)