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From today's featured article



Mini scale is a [species](#) of [microhylid](#) frog [endemic](#) to Madagascar that was [described](#) in 2019. The [scientific name](#) of the species refers to its size, being a [pun](#) on the word *minuscule*. It is very small, measuring only 8.4 to 10.8 mm (0.33 to 0.43 in) in [snout–vent length](#). It has bronze underparts with a brown groin and back of the thigh, cream upperparts with brown flecking, a dark brown side of the head, and a red [iris](#). On the hind feet, the first toe is absent and the second and fifth toes are strongly reduced. The frog is known only from the [Sainte Luce Reserve](#), where it inhabits areas with deep [leaf litter](#) near semi-permanent water bodies. Specimens of frogs from Mandena, the [Vohimena](#) mountains, the southern Anosy Mountains, and [Tsitongambarika](#) may also be of this species. Along with *Mini mum* and *Mini ature*, the other two species in [its genus](#), it received media attention when first described due to the [wordplay](#) in its scientific name. ([Full article...](#))

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- ... that the [Ocoee salamander](#) (*example pictured*) from [Tennessee](#) is named after the [Cherokee](#) word for *Passiflora incarnata* (passionflower)?
- ... that the [North Carolina state auditor](#) is fifth in the line of succession to the [governorship of North Carolina](#)?
- ... that [Martini Maccomo](#) accidentally shot someone in the eye while performing?
- ... that on the song "[Conceited](#)", [Flo Milli](#) raps that she's been important since she was a fetus?
- ... that the heads of [the world's largest producer of pure lithium](#) grew up in poverty?
- ... that [William F. Hanson](#) collaborated with [Zitkala-Sa](#) on a Sioux-inspired work called *The Sun Dance Opera*?
- ... that the platform below the [Weesperplein metro station](#) was used as a [fallout shelter](#) after the line that was supposed to run through it got cancelled?
- ... that [Beatrice Muller](#) lived on *Queen Elizabeth 2* for nine years?



Ocoee salamander

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In the news

- [Rishi Sunak](#) (*pictured*) **succeeds** [Liz Truss](#) as [Leader of the Conservative Party](#) and [Prime Minister of the United Kingdom](#).

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- **Xi Jinping** is named **General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party** for a third term after the conclusion of **the Party Congress**.
- **Ulf Kristersson** is elected **Prime Minister of Sweden** following a four-party agreement.
- **Hurricane Julia** leaves more than 90 people dead across **South** and **Central America**.

Ongoing: [Mahsa Amini protests](#) · [Russian invasion of Ukraine](#)
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Rishi Sunak

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On this day

October 27

- 1942 – **World War II**: The **Imperial Japanese Navy** achieved a pyrrhic victory against the United States at the **Battle of the Santa Cruz Islands**.
- 1992 – U.S. Navy **Petty Officer Allen R. Schindler Jr.** was killed in **Sasebo**, Japan, for being gay, which led to the U.S. Armed Forces' "don't ask, don't tell" policy.
- 1999 – Armed men led by **Nairi Hunanyan** carried out **a mass shooting** at the **Armenian parliament**, killing Prime Minister **Vazgen Sargsyan** (*pictured*), National Assembly speaker **Karen Demirchyan**, and six others.
- 2011 – **Michael D. Higgins** was **elected President of Ireland** with far more votes than any politician in the country's history.



Vazgen Sargsyan

Gabriel Báthory (d. 1613) · **Rex Shelley** (b. 1930) · **Zoya Phan** (b. 1980)

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Today's featured picture



The **buff-breasted paradise kingfisher** (*Tanysiptera sylvia*) is a bird in the [tree kingfisher](#) subfamily. It migrates in November from New Guinea to its breeding grounds in the rainforest of North [Queensland](#), Australia. Despite its bright colours, the buff-breasted paradise kingfisher is often difficult to see in the rainforest and is best located by its distinctive calls.

The buff-breasted paradise kingfisher hunts on the ground and from the foliage in the middle to lower levels of the forest canopy. It feeds on [phasmids](#), earthworms, beetles, insect larvae, spiders, skinks and small frogs, snails and one was observed holding a small tortoise. The young are fed by both parents.

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