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About the Golden-backed frog:

- A species of frog **endemic to Sri Lanka**.
- Also known as **Gravenhorst's frog**, **Gravenhorst's golden-backed frog**, and **Sri Lanka wood frog**.
- Inhabits **marshes**, **agricultural land**, **grassland**, and **bush forests** at **low elevations**.