



SOUTH COAST SPECIES AT RISK

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR Amphibians at risk



Northern Red-legged Frog

Photo: A. Switzer

Amphibians include frogs, toads, salamanders, and newts. The South Coast of BC has 11 types of native amphibian species. There are four frogs, one toad, five salamanders, and one newt.

There are also two species of invasive non-native frogs.

This document will guide you to the best resources to learn about and help to protect BC's South Coast land snails.



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How to Identify Amphibians

By sight: Look at the SCCP's Identification Guides

- Frogs of BC's South Coast
- Aquatic Amphibian Eggs of BC's South Coast
- Salamanders of BC's South Coast

By sound: The most vocal native amphibian is the Northern Pacific Treefrog. They are known for their spring mating choruses but can be heard throughout the year.

Visit the Precious Frog's website for more info about local frogs.

There are five amphibians that are species at risk:

- Northern Red-legged Frog
- Oregon Spotted Frog
- Coastal Tailed Frog
- Coastal Giant Salamander
- Western Toad



Oregon Spotted Frog



Coastal Tailed Frog

Photo: Chris Lee



Coastal Giant Salamander



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Western Toad



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What can you do?

Early each year, many native amphibians travel to areas with water to breed.



Explore These Resources to Learn More about At-Risk Amphibians

- SCCP's Species Profiles (via website or phone app)
- Province of BC's Species and Ecosystems Explorer (searchable on-line database)
- Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) website
- Government of Canada's Species at Risk Act (SARA) Registry website
- Province of BC's Frogwatching website

Report an Amphibian at Risk

Sharing information about amphibians helps us to better understand how populations are faring.

- First, record the location, date and time, the species and number. And take photos!
- Then, send your information to the Province of BC's Frogwatcher program and access their online reporting forms.

For help deciding if you have spotted an at-risk amphibian, contact the SCCP at info@sccp.ca

The purpose of the South Coast Species at Risk Series is to provide stewardship guidance for species at risk. Before undertaking land-use changes, make sure all relevant regulations are being followed. Under the *BC Wildlife Act*, it is illegal to capture, move, harm or kill wildlife without a permit.

Threats to Amphibians at Risk

- Habitat loss, such as the draining of wetlands, alteration of streams, and deforestation.
- The invasive American Bullfrog that displaces and outcompetes the native amphibians.

What Can You Do to Help?

- Add and enhance habitat features, such as ponds, streams, wetlands, forests, and other areas with native vegetation.
- Garden using native plants, and control invasive plant species.
- Avoid the use of pesticides and herbicides.
- Control the American Bullfrog population.
- Review the Province's Develop with Care Guidelines for the Northern Red-legged Frog, Western Toad, Coastal Tailed Frog, and Coastal Giant Salamander.

For **free personalized property advice** on creating habitat for amphibians and other wildlife in your backyard, contact the SCCP's Nature Stewards Program. Visit sccp.ca or email info@sccp.ca.



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