



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.

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: [Province of BC's Frogwatching Program](#)

Visit the [Precious Frog](#) initiative 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



SOUTH COAST SPECIES AT RISK

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR AMPHIBIANS AT RISK

What can you do?

Western Toad



Photo: Sean McCann

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](#)
- [BC Species and Ecosystems Explorer](#)
- [Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada](#) (COSEWIC)
- Government of Canada's [Species at Risk Act \(SARA\) Registry](#)

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.

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 www.sccp.ca or email info@sccp.ca.



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