

The MOUNTAIN YELLOW-LEGGED FROG and YOSEMITE TOAD of the SIERRA NEVADA



mountain yellow-legged frog



Yosemite toad



mountain yellow-legged frog tadpole



mountain yellow-legged frog developing tadpoles

WHY ARE THESE AMPHIBIANS SO IMPORTANT?

The mountain yellow-legged frog and the Yosemite toad play an integral part in the Sierra Nevada ecosystem.

The Sierra Nevada Mountains are the native home of these species which have lived here over one million years!

These two species are declining across their range, primarily due to competition with non-native fishes. Preventing these frogs and toads from becoming endangered depends upon restoring their habitat.

RESTORATION

Recovery of these amphibians will occur by restoring their native habitat to its historic natural condition. The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and the California Department of Fish and Game are working together to restore mountain yellow-legged frog and Yosemite toad populations. The goal is to restore these million-year-old species to some of the remote Sierra Nevada lake areas, while continuing to provide recreational fishing opportunities in the more popular lake destinations.

HOW CAN YOU HELP THESE RARE SPECIES?

You can help the mountain yellow-legged frog and the Yosemite toad by supporting restoration efforts and preserving the uniqueness of all wild landscapes by practicing the seven LEAVE NO TRACE principles.

FUN FACTS: Yosemite toads can be seen hopping across the snow in the spring as they are returning to water in hopes of mating. Due to their short growing season, the sooner they lay their eggs in the water, the sooner their eggs can develop into young adults before it snows again.

Most tadpoles, including Yosemite toads, only need a few months to develop into young adults; however, mountain yellow-legged frog tadpoles need anywhere from 2-4 years to develop and grow into young adults.

More Information:
www.fs.fed.us/r4/htnf/resources/

Yosemite toad

