

Frogs and Toads



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CALIFORNIA FROGS AND TOADS

Over the past decade, accumulated evidence indicates an alarming decline in amphibian populations worldwide. Population declines seem to be particularly severe in the western United States. The native frogs and toads on these cards (except the bullfrog) have been some of the most affected in California.

Frogs and toads are both predators and prey in the aquatic food web. They are important for the survival of other species as food, and they help keep the insects they eat in a balance. These amphibians are relatively long-lived and utilize both terrestrial and aquatic habitats at different stages in their life histories.

This is the 5th series of cards featuring aquatic species and their habitats in California.

Reference: USDA. 1991. Monitoring frogs and toads on Region 5 National Forests. R-5 Fish Habitat Relationship Technical Bulletin. Number 4. Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region

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