

Common name: California Red-Legged Frog

Scientific name: *Rana aurora draytonii*



DESCRIPTION

- Notice the dark spots and blotches on its back. The abdomen and hind legs of adult frogs are red.
- It is the largest native frog in the Western United States. It can grow from 1.5 to 5 inches long (4 to 13 cm).
- Larvae are called tadpoles are typically 0.6 to 3 inches long (1.4 to 8 cm).

HABITAT

- They do best when they live in deep-water pools with thick stands of overhanging willows and other vegetation.

FOOD

- California red-legged frogs eat a variety of things. Adults eat both invertebrates and vertebrates, like mice and Pacific tree frogs. Tadpoles probably eat algae.

MATING

- The frogs breed from November through March.

PREDATORS

- Non-native bullfrogs are a big problem.

STATUS

- Threatened, which means that biologists are concerned about them but they are not in danger of dying out right now.