

2016 Summer Newsletter

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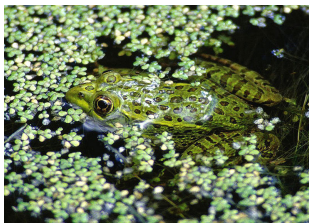
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COMMON SPECIES IN JULY

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Chiricahua Leopard Frog © J.
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Greetings!

We hope you are enjoying the summer heat and the sounds of nature that come with the season! With only two months left, the 2016 FrogWatch USA season is well underway, and since February 1st more than 8,100 species observations have been recorded at nearly 800 wetland sites by over 400 volunteers - go [online](#) and see where.

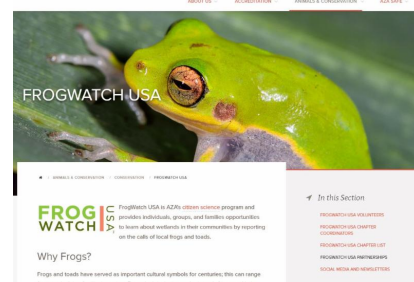
We thank you for your efforts to date, and look forward to your continued participation both for the remainder of this season and for seasons to come! Nationally, we've seen some of the warmest months on record this year, so it's up to you to help us track how this affects frogs and toads.

Pacific Treefrog © K. Martin

A New Look for FrogWatch USA on the Web

We are pleased to announce a revitalization of the [Association of Zoos and Aquariums' \(AZA\) website](#)! Being the host organization for FrogWatch USA, this means [FrogWatch USA's webpages](#) also received a new bold and dynamic look.

It is crucial that both newer and veteran volunteers - as well as chapter coordinators - are able to find all the resources they need with ease. We kept this in mind when restructuring the pages and hope that you enjoy navigating and exploring the website. However, if you have questions or encounter problems, don't hesitate to email us at frogwatch@aza.org.



Citizen Science Professional Development for Educators

Many of you may be familiar with the original course that included FrogWatch USA, [Introduction to Citizen Science: Explorations in Educational Settings](#). Now in its third year, that course provides educators with an overview of citizen science and an in-depth look at five active programs, including FrogWatch USA.

We have now partnered with them on a second course, [Using Citizen Science Data in the Classroom](#)! This course is designed with both K-12 formal and informal educators in mind, and is designed to provide the tools necessary to incorporate citizen science data into educational settings. This month begins the inaugural offering of this course.

[Register for one of NEON's courses](#) - summer sessions run from July 12 through August 12, and registration ends July 15.

Listen for These Species

Historically, the most frequently reported species heard over the 4th of July holiday weekend have been the [green frog](#) and [gray treefrog](#). However, depending on where you live, you may also hear some of these species at this time of year:

- [American Bullfrog](#)
- [American Toad](#)
- [Blanchard's Cricket Frog](#)
- [Cope's Gray Treefrog](#)
- [Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toad](#)
- [Fowler's Toad](#)
- [Green Treefrog](#)



Green Frog © A. Russell

Seasonal wetlands are likely to have already dried up or are in the process of drying. If you monitor at a seasonal wetland, breeding activity may have already ended for the year. However, sites with more permanent bodies of water likely are still supporting calling frogs and toads. Visit your site this holiday weekend and listen for calls, or possibly look for signs of young metamorphs! Feel free to share pictures of your wetland sites - both dry and wet - to the [FrogWatch USA Facebook page](#)!

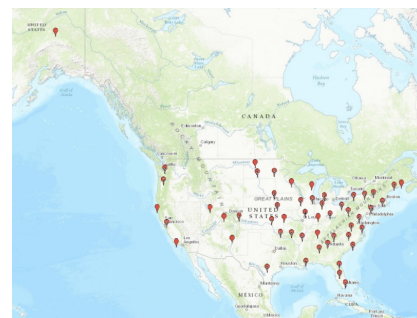
FrogWatch USA in Your Community

We extend a warm welcome to our newest chapters:

- [ABQ BioPark FrogWatch](#) (NM)
- [DOEE FrogWatch](#) (DC)
- [FrogWatch Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park](#) (NY)
- [Little Rock Zoo FrogWatch USA](#) (AR)

In 2016, FrogWatch USA chapter coordinators have already hosted over 140 training sessions across the country! We thank each of these chapter coordinators for their effort to engage their community in FrogWatch USA.

These in-person courses allow volunteers to learn more about the program and receive personalized training in both frog call identification and FrogWatch USA protocol. Sessions are generally held from January through June, though prospective volunteers can take one of our [online courses](#) at any time of year.



Stay Connected



Be sure to keep monitoring your sites throughout the season, which ends on August 31 (or through September for volunteers in arid southwestern states). We hope you have a happy July 4th holiday

and a lovely summer!



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