

Northern Red-Legged Frog



California Native Frog

2003 Series

NORTHERN RED-LEGGED FROG... *Rana aurora aurora*



FEDERAL STATUS - Forest Service Sensitive

HABITAT - Found in still to slow moving water: lakes, ditches, ponds, slow moving streams, etc. Disperses during rains in non-breeding season and may be seen considerable distances from water. Attaches eggs to aquatic or overhanging vegetation, or submerged roots. Are most active at night.

IDENTIFICATION CHARACTERISTICS - Size to 3 inches. Two prominent dorsolateral folds and a dark facial mask with light jaw stripe. Eardrum (tympanum) behind eye small and not as conspicuous as with bullfrog. Dorsal spots usually without light centers. Red on underside of hind legs.

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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Map: California Wildlife Habitat Relationships System, revised 7/00 by D. Yasuda

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