

Frogs of the Yakama Reservation Forests



Western Toad (*Bufo boreas*)



Adult



Tadpoles



Egg String

Key I.D. traits:

Adults - Thick, bumpy skin, light line down back.
Tadpoles - Solid black, found in aggregate groups.
Eggs - Laid in long strings in shallow (<1m) water.

Habitat: Breeds in ponds or slow moving streams in meadows and open wetlands. Occurs at all elevations in forested habitats.

Status: Common in suitable habitat, declining in some parts of their range.

Tailed Frog (*Ascaphus truei*)



Adult Male



Tadpole

Key I.D. traits:

Adults - Vertical pupil, no toe pads, male has "tail".
Tadpoles - Sucker-like mouth, attaches to rocks.
Eggs - White, pea-sized, attached under water to large rocks.

Habitat: Breeds in cold, perennial streams with rocky substrates.

Status: Common where habitat is suitable, prone to local extinction from activities which increase sediment and water temperatures.

Cascade Frog (*Rana cascadae*)



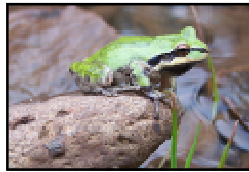
Key I.D. traits:

Adults - Honey colored undersides, spots on back, eyes oriented to side, webbing does not reach toe tips.
Tadpoles - Back is tan or brown, belly is lighter.

Habitat: Found in streams, ponds and lakes, at virtually all elevations in forested habitat.

Status: Common.

Pacific Tree Frog (*Hyla regilla*)



Key I.D. traits:

Adults - Small frog black eye stripe, sticky toe pads.
Tadpoles - Only tadpole with eyes on side of head.

Habitat: Found in streams, ponds and lakes, at all elevations in forested or non-forested habitat.

Status: Common.

Oregon/Columbia Spotted Frog (*Rana pretiosa / luteiventris*) *



Key I.D. traits:

Adults - Both spotted frog species look identical, also very similar to Cascade Frog, but eyes are oriented upward and webbing reaches toe tips.
Tadpole - Difficult to distinguish from Cascade Frog tadpoles.

Habitat: Breeds in ponds or slow moving streams. Occurs in forested habitats at lower elevations .

Status: Rare, both species listed in Washington State.



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Salamanders of the Yakama Reservation Forests



Rough-Skinned Newt (*Taricha granulosa*)



Adults



Larva

Key I.D. Traits:

Adults - Bright, orange belly, bumpy skin.

Larvae - Eyes on the margin of head.

Habitat: Breeds in ponds or slow moving streams. Adults are often found in water. Occurs at all elevations in forested habitats.

Status: Common.

Long-Toed Salamander (*Ambystoma macrodactylum*)



Adult



Larva

Key I.D. Traits:

Adults - Yellow stripe along back, long fourth hind toe.

Larvae - Eyes set in from margin, looks similar to above.

Habitat: Breeds in ponds or slow moving streams. Occurs at all elevations in forested habitats.

Status: Common.

Northwestern Salamander (*Ambystoma gracile*)



Larva



Adults



Egg Mass

Key I.D. Traits:

Adults - Paratoid glands (toxin glands) behind eyes.

Larvae - Can grow up to 7 inches long. Looks similar to above.

Egg Mass - Large, firm jelly ball, often green.

Habitat: Breeds exclusively in ponds. Occurs near Cascade crest.

Status: Uncommon east of Cascades.

Torrent and Giant Salamanders *



Adult
Torrent
Salamander



Larval
Giant
Salamander

Key I.D. Traits:

Torrent: Large eyes, short snout, yellow belly, small.

Giant: Shovel shaped head, marbled color, very large.

Habitat: Found in cold, clear streams, seepages, and waterfalls. Often inhabits "splash zone".

Status: Can reach high densities in the appropriate habitat.

Larch Mountain Salamander (*Plethodon larselli*) *



Adult

Key I.D. Trait: Nasolabial groove (slit from mouth to nose).


Habitat: Found on steep, moist talus slopes under coniferous forests. Entirely terrestrial, attaches eggs to undersides of rocks.

Status: Very Rare, State Listed



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