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## Featured Species



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### Crawfish frog (*Rana areolata*)

The crawfish frog is a stout bodied frog, cream to brown or black in color with irregular dark spots on its back and sides. Adjacent spots often fuse into horizontal blotches and the dorso-lateral ridge can be highlighted with yellow. The skin of this frog ranges from smooth to warty. The crawfish frog can be found in separate populations in western Louisiana and eastern Texas and in drainage systems of rivers in Arkansas, Missouri, Mississippi, and Ohio. The crawfish frog can be found in meadows, prairie woodlands, and pine scrub. This species is nocturnal and breeds year round in its southern range and in the spring and early summer in the northern areas of its range. The mating call of the crawfish frog is a deep resonating guttural snore. Listen for this species in your area!

## Conservation Tip #8

### Use "Green" Cleaning Products

When washing your car or bathing your pet outside be sure to use "green" cleaning products. Cleaning products are rinsed off whatever you are washing right into the ground. Keep not only the amphibians safe but your children, your pets, and other wildlife.

## We Want to Hear from You!

Share your FrogWatching experiences, questions, and photos with us and your fellow FrogWatch Volunteers, by contacting Mandy at [mgaudreau@rwpzoo.org](mailto:mgaudreau@rwpzoo.org). The newsletter will be published twice a month throughout the FrogWatching season. Previous newsletters are available at: <http://www.aza.org/frogwatch/>.

Mandy is also seeking feedback and suggestions about FrogWatch USA training materials. Please send her your input at [mgaudreau@rwpzoo.org](mailto:mgaudreau@rwpzoo.org).

## Submit Your 2009 FrogWatch USA Data!

The FrogWatch USA Web site and database will be moving to AZA from the National Wildlife Federation soon, and will be under construction in the fall. Therefore, please submit all data that you have **before** August 21, 2009.

Data collected after that date and through the fall can be saved until the database is re-launched at AZA or we can enter it directly into the database if you send it via email (preferred) to: [frogwatch@aza.org](mailto:frogwatch@aza.org) or via regular mail to: Shelly Grow

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## Photos by FrogWatchers



Above: A tiny toadlet; photo by Kevin in Ohio.

Below: A gray treefrog; photo by Todd in New Jersey.

