

# 2015 Summer Newsletter



Pine Barrens Treefrog @ M. Neff

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Dear Arslan,

We're in the midst of summer, and the 2015 monitoring season is in full swing! Since February 1st, more than 9,700 species observations have been recorded at nearly 800 wetland sites - go [online](#) and see where. We thank you and all FrogWatch USA volunteers, and we look forward to your continued participation both for the remainder of this season and for seasons to come!

## FrogWatch USA Featured on SciGirls



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FrogWatch USA and the Saint Louis Zoo are featured in the newly released "[Frog Whisperers](#)" episode of PBS KIDS' *SciGirls*, an Emmy Award-winning television and online series that encourages youth - particularly middle school-aged girls - to pursue studies and careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). Be inspired by these incredible young women by checking your local PBS listings or watching [online](#).

[Click here](#) to access educational activities supporting "Frog Whisperers" and this season's other citizen science episodes.

## FrogWatch USA in Your Community

With 131 chapters across the nation, FrogWatch USA is continuing to grow. We extend a warm welcome to our newest chapters, established this year:

- [Akron Zoo FrogWatch](#) (OH)
- [Busch Gardens Williamsburg FrogWatch](#) (VA)
- [Friends of Dyke Marsh FrogWatch](#) (VA)



- [Hidden Valley Nature Center FrogWatch](#) (ME)
- [Mitchell Lake FrogWatch](#) (TX)
- [North Carolina State Parks FrogWatch](#) (NC)
- [North East Florida FrogWatch](#) (FL)
- [Peninsula Naturalist FrogWatch USA](#) (VA)
- [Warner Nature Center FrogWatch](#) (MN)

In 2015, FrogWatch USA chapter coordinators have already hosted nearly 150 training sessions across the country! 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.

## Listen for These Species

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

- [American Toad](#)
- [Blanchard's Cricket Frog](#)
- [Cope's Gray Treefrog](#)
- [Eastern Cricket Frog](#)
- [Fowler's Toad](#)
- [Gray Treefrog](#)
- [Green Treefrog](#)
- [Spring Peeper](#)



Green Frog© R. Gauza

The [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#) (NOAA) reported that May was the wettest month on record for the US in 121 years of record-keeping, led by torrential rains in Texas and Oklahoma. Heavy rains continued in June in some parts of the country. How did these rains affect your monitoring sites and the frogs you're hearing? Let us know by [submitting your data online](#) and sharing your stories on the [FrogWatch USA Facebook page](#)!

## AZA is Saving Species



On Endangered Species Day (May 15), FrogWatch USA's host organization, the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA), launched **SAFE: Saving Animals from Extinction** to save species through conservation and public awareness. With 180 million annual visitors, AZA-accredited zoos and aquariums have an incredible opportunity to engage and educate the public about these animals, while harnessing the expertise of AZA's animal care and conservation specialists to design plans that will protect habitats and reestablish healthy populations in the wild. [Click here](#) to learn more.

### Stay Connected



Be sure to keep monitoring your sites throughout the season, which ends August 31. We hope you have a lovely summer!



Squirrel Treefrog  
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Sincerely,

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