

A Flagship Program

In 2009, the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) welcomed FrogWatch USA™ as our flagship citizen science program and thanked the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) for their historic leadership and support for this valuable program. AZA is proud to link this program to our mission of connecting people to nature and to continue promoting amphibian conservation. Remember, anybody is welcome to participate in this program, so spread the word!

This Summary Report reflects data from both 2008 and 2009. Thanks to all the dedicated volunteers!



Spring peeper
Credit: Paul Crump, Houston Zoo

2008-2009 States With the Most...

Sites Monitored

| State | Sites |
|-------|-------|
| NY | 573 |
| IN | 495 |
| PA | 455 |
| OH | 410 |
| FL | 403 |
| CA | 377 |
| VA | 342 |
| MD | 330 |
| MI | 328 |
| TX | 319 |

Active Observers

| State | Observers |
|-------|-----------|
| MD | 96 |
| NY | 78 |
| PA | 69 |
| RI | 54 |
| OH | 53 |
| IN | 45 |
| VA | 45 |
| MA | 44 |
| OK | 42 |
| TX | 42 |

Go Green - Save Green!

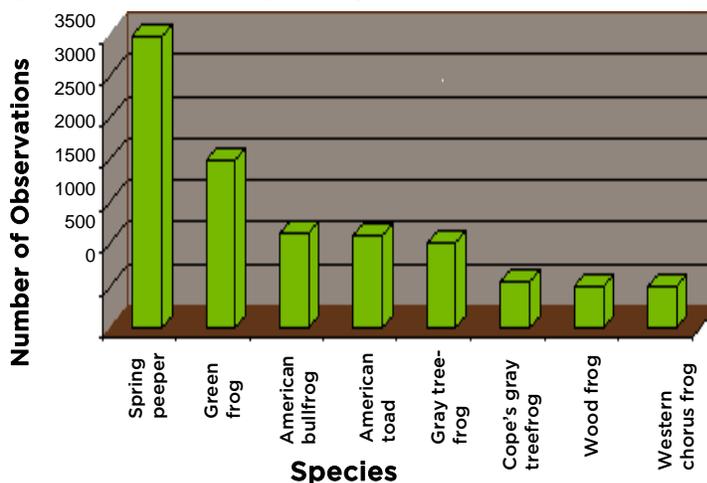
Submit your data electronically by e-mailing observations to frogwatch@aza.org.

Data sheets are available online at:
www.aza.org/current-frogwatch-volunteers/
Forms can be filled out on your computer, saved, and e-mailed as an attachment.
No postage necessary!

Silence is Golden

Well, maybe not golden, but observations where no species are heard provide valuable data. In 2008-2009, 31 observations resulted in "No Species Heard." This "negative data" help us to monitor trends over time, such as species composition in a given area, population size, and possible shifts in the timing of breeding activity for different frogs. So next time your favorite croakers are silent, remember that information is just as important as a full chorus!

Species Most Frequently Heard in 2008-2009



What Was Not Heard...

The Wyoming toad suffered dramatic declines until 1994, when it was officially listed as Extinct. Fortunately, AZA-accredited zoos and aquariums, in partnership with federal and state government partners, had already established *ex-situ* populations and now release Wyoming tadpoles and toadlets back into the wild. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service also manages summer field surveys, which includes participation by members of AZA's Wyoming Toad Species Survival Plan® (SSP) program. Learn more about the Wyoming Toad SSP at: www.wyomingtoad.org/.



Wyoming toad
Credit: R. Andrew Odum, Toledo Zoo