



2017 Winter Newsletter

Helpful Online Resources

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Find New Chapters in Your Community

We extend a warm welcome to our newest chapters:

[Albany Pine Bush Preserve FrogWatch \(NY\)](#)
[James River Park FrogWatch USA \(VA\)](#)
[Riverbanks FrogWatch USA \(SC\)](#)

Listen for These Species

Learn more about the frogs and toads heard at this time of year by following the links:

[Spring Peeper](#)
[Pacific Treefrog](#)
[Southern Leopard Frog](#)
[Upland Chorus Frog](#)
[Sierran Treefrog](#)
[Cajun Chorus Frog](#)
[Wood Frog](#)
[Western Chorus Frog](#)
[Southern Chorus Frog](#)
[Southern Toad](#)

Some of you may hear unexpected species due to changing weather, like the ending drought in California. See how your observations compare to [reports from the beginning of last season!](#)

Greetings!

Welcome to the 2017 FrogWatch USA monitoring season! Many frogs and toads across the nation have already begun to call, and others will soon join them - we hope you're ready to get outside and listen.

With a network of thousands of volunteers and [close to 145 chapters](#), the FrogWatch USA community's reach continues to grow. We thank you for your contributions and hope you've enjoyed the journey with us so far!

Be Ready for the Season



With the FrogWatch USA season now upon us (February - August), get prepared to return to your wetland site. Brush up on your [call identification skills](#) and review the [monitoring protocols](#). Help maintain high quality FrogWatch USA data by following the methodology consistently and only submitting data on species you can identify accurately and confidently. If you need help or have questions, contact your [local chapter](#), [email us](#), or post questions to your fellow volunteers on [Facebook](#).

Enjoy the Outdoors and Make a Difference

Stay Connected

Follow us on social media for updates, announcements, and tons of fun content:



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You and your fellow volunteers have connected with your own communities and natural surroundings in profound ways by participating in outdoor citizen science. The [data you've contributed](#) has the potential to be used by scientists, land managers, teachers, and anyone else interested in frogs and toads.

When volunteers band together, it's not just science and learning that happens. Last season, volunteers from the FrogWatch Researchers of the Greenville Zoo (FROGZ) chapter in Greenville, SC, wrote letters to their state government in support of a bill granting "Wildlife Sanctuary" status to [Lake Conestee Nature Park](#) - a park in South Carolina with two registered monitoring sites. The bill passed - congratulations, FROGZ volunteers!

We encourage you to connect with other FrogWatch USA volunteers by attending chapter-held events and sharing your experiences on [social media](#).

Explore Other Ways to Get Involved



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The beauty of citizen science is that there is a program for every passion! Whether year-round or seasonal, these programs could always use your help and enthusiasm. Check out the [FieldScope website](#) to explore a variety of citizen science initiatives. Those of you who enjoy using FrogWatch USA's [online data entry and exploration platform](#) will feel right at home participating in these programs.

Learn More About Our Chapters



The FrogWatch USA [chapter network](#) continues to provide excellent support to volunteers, while promoting science and education nationwide. Last season:

- 1,697 people attended 142 training sessions, and 886 became officially certified. Check out our [training session schedule](#) to find sessions scheduled for 2017 and tell your friends and family to get involved.

- 500 volunteers and coordinators recorded nearly 12,000 species observations. We'll need your help to exceed those numbers this season!

Read more about the community's incredible accomplishments and some fun anecdotes in the [2016 Chapter Summary and Achievement Report](#).

We are looking forward to another fantastic monitoring season. Please remember that you can contact us at any time if you have any questions about the program.

Enjoy!

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