



FrogWatch USA Turns 20!

2018 Winter Newsletter

Greetings,

Welcome to Year 20 of FrogWatch USA! We are grateful for the dedicated volunteers and amphibian enthusiasts like you who have joined us on this incredible journey. By participating in FrogWatch USA you have made important contributions to citizen science and learned more about the incredible diversity of life in your local wetlands.

Make sure to [monitor](#) throughout the February 1 - August 31 season, hop onto [Facebook](#) to connect with FrogWatch USA and your fellow volunteers, and [encourage your friends and family to participate](#). We are looking forward to making 2018 a special year, and we can't wait to see it blossom even more in the future!

See How Far We've Come



Map of 1999-2017 Observations

Over the past 19 years, nearly 3,000 volunteers logged more than 112,000 species observations at 4,300 wetland sites, across 65,500 monitoring visits! Each of the frog icons on the above [map](#) appear as a result of your contributions.

Look how participation has grown from the first year of the program...

Stay Connected

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



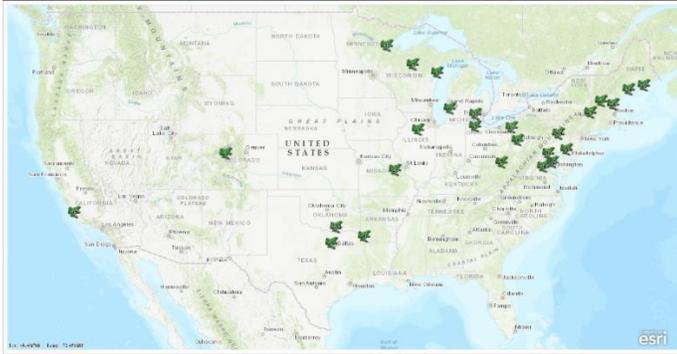
Helpful Online Resources

- [Find a local chapter](#)
- [Register for in-person training](#)
- [Get trained online](#)
- [Enter data](#)
- [View past newsletters](#)

Find New Chapters in Your Community

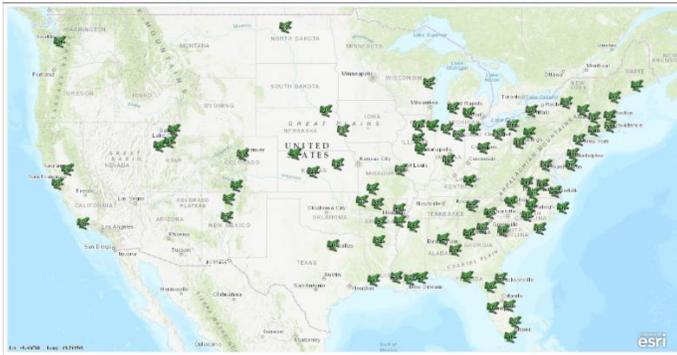
Over the past few months we have welcomed these chapters into the FrogWatch USA family:

- [Binghamton Zoo Bullfrogs FrogWatch USA \(NY\)](#)
- [Panhandle FW Chapter at Riverside Discovery Center \(NE\)](#)
- [Safari Lake Geneva FrogWatch USA \(WI\)](#)
- [Staten Island Zoo FrogWatch \(NY\)](#)
- [Westcave FrogWatch \(TX\)](#)



Map of 1999 Observations

... to the most recent one!



Map of 2017 Observations

The 40 volunteers who logged 900 species observations at 70 wetland sites across 500 monitoring visits [in 1999](#) grew tenfold to 400 volunteers that logged 11,500 observations at 900 sites across 6,700 visits [in 2017!](#)

To celebrate our 20th year, we want to increase participation by 20% over the level we saw in 2017. This means that by the end of the season we hope to see *500 volunteers that have logged 13,800 species observations at 1,100 sites across 8,000 monitoring visits*. We are confident that we can reach this goal with your participation.

Be Ready for the Season

We know you're excited to get outside and monitor starting February 1. If this is your first year as a volunteer, or if you have not done so already, attend an [in-person training session](#) offered by your local chapter, or take our [online training course](#). We also encourage all volunteers to brush up on [call identification skills](#) and review [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.

Your local chapter coordinators, and the FrogWatch USA team at the Association of Zoos & Aquariums, are here to help you throughout the season. Any questions you have can be emailed to frogwatch@aza.org.

Good luck, and happy monitoring!

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You can see all of these chapters, as well as nearly 150 others, on the [national chapter map!](#)

Listen for These Species

These were the five most frequently heard species over the past 19 years. Click on the links below to learn more:

- [Spring Peeper](#)
- [Green Frog](#)
- [Gray Treefrog](#)
- [American Bullfrog](#)
- [American Toad](#)

If you are interested in seeing when certain species call during the season, check out the [2017 calling calendar](#). You can filter the graph by species and date.

Banner image: "Northern Leopard Frog", Jessica Bolser/USFWS