

**SELECTED AND ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY FOR MANAGEMENT OF  
THE CALIFORNIA RED-LEGGED FROG (*Rana draytonii*)**

Peer reviewed papers and publications (not exhaustive) that provide a good basis for professionals managing or consulting on projects that involve *Rana draytonii* and its habitat.

1. **Allaback, M.L., D.M. Laabs, D.S. Keegan and J.D. Harwayne. 2010. *Rana draytonii* (California Red-legged Frog). Dispersal. *Herpetological Review* 41:204-206.**

Drift-fence/pitfall-trap studies during the rainy season (October-April) documented mass emigration of metamorphs from red-legged frog breeding ponds during the first rain of the season. Almost all metamorphs that left the ponds were gone by 31 December.

2. **Alvarez, J. D. Cook, J. Yee, M. van Hattem, D. Fong and R. Fisher. 2013. Comparative Microhabitat Characteristics at Oviposition Sites of the California Red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*). *Herpetological Conservation and Biology*. 8(3): 539-551.**

A study of 747 eggs masses oviposition site along the coast and Coast Ranges of California that revealed that egg masses laid in relatively shallow water, egg laying was earlier along the coast (mid-December) than in inland areas (mid-April).

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4. **Alvarez, J.A., M. A. Shea and S. M. Foster. 2013. Natural History Notes. *Rana draytonii* (California Red-legged Frog). Association with beaver. *Herpetological Review* 44:127-128.**

*Rana draytonii* tadpoles and adults were displaced when beaver dams were removed. The authors suggest that beaver dams were historically an important part of *Rana draytonii* habitat.

5. **Alvarez, J., M. Shea, J. Wilcox, M. Allaback, S Foster, G. Padgett-Flohr and J. Haire. 2013. Sympatry in California tiger salamander and California red-legged frog breeding habitat within their overlapping range. *California Fish and Game*. 99(1):42-48.**

Breeding habitat sympatry between the two species was detected in 58.12% of the 218 ponds and 2 creeks.

6. **Alvarez, J.A., C. Dunn and A.F. Zuur. 2004. Response of California red-legged frogs to removal of non-native fish. 2002-2003 Transactions of the Western Section of the Wildlife Society 38/39:9-12.**

Six ponds with exotic fish had little use by adult red-legged frogs and almost no successful reproduction. After the fish were removed, frog reproduction was successful, with counts up to 650 juvenile frogs in a single pond.

7. **Austin, M. H. Devine, L. Goedde, M. Greenlee, T. Hall, L. Johnson and P. Moser. 1996. Ohio pond management handbook: a guide to managing ponds for fishing and attracting wildlife. Division of Wildlife, Ohio Department of Natural Resources.**

Methods for constructing and managing ponds for wildlife.

8. **Bishop, M., R. Drewes and V. Vredenburg. 2014. Food Web Linkages Demonstrate Importance of Terrestrial Prey for the Threatened California Red-legged Frog. J. of Herpetology.48(1): 137-143.**

Published paper of Bishop 2011.

9. **Bishop, M. 2011. Diet, foraging activity, and food webs of the California red-legged frog. M.S. Thesis, San Francisco State University, California.**

Stomach contents from 158 red-legged frog were 80%-90% terrestrial invertebrates. The only vertebrate food items were *Pseudacris sierra*.

10. **Bland, D. 2006. Relocations of California red-legged frogs, California, USA. Re-introduction News, Newsletter of the Re-introduction Specialist Group, IUCN, No. 25:12-13.**

Nine frogs were re-located into nearby ponds when their ponds were to be subject to sediment removal. They were radio-tracked for two months. Four remained in the new habitat for at least 1 month. Two frogs returned to their ponds of origin, and 3 others ended up in dense cover in a direction towards their original ponds.

11. **Bridges, C.M. and R.D. Semlitsch. 2000. Variation in pesticide tolerance of tadpoles among and within species of Ranidae and patterns of amphibian decline. Conservation Biology 14:1490-1499.**

*Rana a. draytonii* and *R. pretiosa* tadpoles showed a higher tolerance of the pesticide carbaryl than other species of *Rana* tested.

12. **Bulger, J.B., N.J. Scott Jr., and R.B. Seymour. 2003. Terrestrial activity and conservation of adult California red-legged frogs *Rana aurora draytonii* in coastal forests and grasslands. Biological Conservation 110:85-95.**

Study of seasonal movements of radio-tagged frogs in the Santa Cruz Mountains, California. Documents winter and summer habitats and seasonal movements by 11-22% of adult population, most moving in a direct line rather than by following habitat corridors.

13. **California Department of Pesticide Regulation 2013**  
[http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/endspec/rl\\_frog/index.htm](http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/endspec/rl_frog/index.htm)

Description of buffer zones around CRF habitat when using hand application and aerial application of pesticides.

14. **Caughley, G. and A. Sinclair. 1994. Wildlife Ecology and Management. Blackwell Science. Cambridge, Mass. 334 pp.**

An undergraduate text that provides good definitions of the principals of wildlife ecology and management.

- 15. Christopher, S.V. 2004. Introduced predator effects on a threatened anuran. Ph.D. Dissertation, University of California, Santa Barbara. 356 pp.**

In experimental and correlative studies, introduced fishes had stronger negative effects on *Rana a. draytonii* tadpoles and populations than bullfrogs or crayfish. Red-legged frog populations that coexisted in the study area with introduced predators are probably maintained by immigration from nearby sources that are free of the predators.

- 16. Contra Costa Water District. 2005. Using Livestock Grazing as a Resource Management Tool in California. White paper prepared by Robert Nuzum, Manager, Watershed and Lands Department, Contra Coast water District. July.39pp.**

Good compendium of the status of grazing and management of grazing in the Bay Area compiled by the Contra Costa Water District.

- 17. Cook, D. and A. Currylow. 2014. Seasonal Spatial Patterns of Two Sympatric Frogs: California red-legged frog and American Bullfrog. Western Wildlife. 1:1-7.**

Analyzed body size and spatial and temporal patterns of the two species in a marsh in Sonoma County.

- 18. Cook, D. 1997. Microhabitat use and reproductive success of the California red-legged frog (*Rana aurora draytonii*) and bullfrog (*Rana catesbeiana*) in an ephemeral marsh. M.S. Thesis, Sonoma State University, California. 47 pp.**

Habitat preferences by *R. draytonii* in Ledson Marsh, Sonoma County changed with changes in the vegetation and water levels during the year. Dead spikerush in shallow water (mean=39 cm) was important early in the year, and flooded smartweed dominated in the summer and fall. Frogs tended to avoid open water and bulrush cover. There was a 2-month gap between red-legged frog and bullfrog breeding seasons and bullfrog oviposition sites were in deeper water (mean=63 cm vs. 33 cm for red-legged frogs).

The marsh is typically dry by fall, seriously limiting survival of bullfrog tadpoles. Survivorship from eggs to metamorphosis was estimated at 1.9% for red-legged tadpoles and 0.0001% for bullfrogs.

- 19. Cook, D.G. and M.R. Jennings. 2007. Microhabitat use of the California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*) and introduced bullfrog (*Rana catesbeiana*) in a seasonal marsh. Herpetologica 63:430-440.**

Published version of Cook (1997).

- 20. D'Amore A., V. Hemingway and K. Wasson. 2010. Do a threatened native amphibian and its invasive congener differ in response to human alteration of the landscape? Biological Invasions 12:145-154.**

A comparison of the different habitat correlates of sympatric bullfrogs and *R. draytonii* in an agricultural landscape. Several human-mediated factors favor bullfrogs.

21. **D'Amore A., V. Hemingway and K. Wasson. 2010. Do a threatened native amphibian and its invasive congener differ in response to human alteration of the landscape? *Biological Invasions* 12:155.**

A minor correction to the previous article.

22. **Davidson, C. 2004. Declining downwind: Amphibian population declines in California and historical pesticide use. *Ecological Applications* 14:1892-1902.**

Using the same *R. draytonii* data set as Davidson, et al. (2002), the author concluded that total upwind pesticide use, especially organophosphates and carbamates, was a strong correlate of population disappearances.

23. **Davidson, C., H.B. Shaffer, and M.R. Jennings. 2001. Declines of the California red-legged frog: Climate, UV-B, habitat, and pesticides hypotheses. *Ecological Applications* 11:464-79.**

Testing four hypotheses (climate change, UV-B radiation, pesticides, habitat destruction) for their relevance to the disappearance of red-legged frogs from habitats in California, the authors determined that frogs had disappeared disproportionately from lower latitudes, from higher elevations, from near urbanized centers, and upwind of agricultural land use.

24. **Davidson, C., H.B. Shaffer, and M.R. Jennings. 2002. Spatial tests of the pesticide drift, habitat destruction, UV-B, and climate-change hypotheses for California amphibian declines. *Conservation Biology* 16:1588-1601.**

Using a slightly different data set and more refined analytical techniques, the results for the red-legged frog are the same as those in Davidson et al. (2001).

25. **Deal, C., J. Edwards, N. Pellman, R. Tuttle and D. Woodward. 1997. Ponds – Planning, Design, Construction. Natural Resources Conservation Service. Agriculture handbook (#590).**

Presents information on the creation of agricultural ponds and how to estimate pond creation, hydrological factors influencing the pond, different types of ponds, and revegetating. Strong agricultural basis.

26. **Doubledee, R.A., E.B. Muller, and R.M. Nisbet. 2003. Bullfrogs, disturbance regimes, and the persistence of California red-legged frogs. *Journal of Wildlife Management* 67:424-438.**

A model simulation concluded that winter floods and draining stockponds every two years benefited red-legged frog survival, whereas shooting adult bullfrogs was only effective with extreme effort. A strategy combining pond drainage with bullfrog shooting was the most effective at facilitating red-legged frog survival.

27. **Drost, C.A. and G.M. Fellers. 1996. Collapse of a regional frog fauna in the Yosemite area of the California Sierra Nevada. Conservation Biology 10:414-425.**

Retracing a route across the Sierra Nevada taken by biologists in 1915 and 1919, they found many fewer amphibian populations. Three species, including *R. aurora draytonii*, were not found at all.

28. **Fellers, G.M. 2005. *Rana draytonii* Baird and Girard 1852(b). California red-legged frog. Pages 552-554 in M. Lanoo (editor). Amphibian declines: The conservation status of United States species. University of California Press, Berkeley, Los Angeles, London. 1094 pages.**

An up-to-date and exhaustive compilation of historic and current distribution and abundance, life history features, and conservation.

29. **Fellers, G.M., R.A. Cole, D.M. Reinitz, and P. M. Kleeman. 2011. Amphibian chytrid fungus (*Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*) in coastal and montane California, USA anurans. Herpetological Conservation and Biology 6:383-394.**

Chytrid fungus (Bd) was found in all of the six species of frogs that were examined. Where 10 or more sites within a watershed were examined, the number of infected sites varied between 21% and 80%. The percentage of infected sites varied from year to year, and various variables were correlated with the presence or absence of Bd.

30. **Fellers, G.M., A.E. Launer, G. Rathbun, S. Bobzien, J. Alvarez, D. Sterner, R.B. Seymour, and M. Westphal. 2001. Overwintering tadpoles in the California red-legged frog (*Rana aurora draytonii*). Herpetological Review 32:156-157.**

Documentation of the relatively rare occurrence of overwintering tadpoles at several sites from Point Reyes south through the Bay Area to San Luis Obispo County, California.

31. **Fellers, G.M. and P.M. Kleeman. 2007. California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*) movement and habitat use: Implications for conservation. Journal of Herpetology 41:276-286.**

Many frogs were radiotracked on Point Reyes, Marin County, California. 66% of females and 25% of males moved from the breeding pond to non-breeding areas. Ponds were breeding habitat and streamsides were summer habitat.

32. **Fisher, R.N. and H.B. Shaffer. 1996. The decline of amphibians in California's Great Central Valley. Conservation Biology 10:1387-1397.**

California red-legged frogs were not found in 24 of 28 Central Valley counties where they formerly occurred.

33. **Ford, L.D., P.A. Van Hoorn, D.R. Rao, N.J. Scott, P.C. Trenham, and J.W. Bartolome. 2013. *Managing Rangelands to Benefit California Red-legged Frogs and California Tiger Salamanders*. Livermore, California: Alameda County Resource Conservation District.**

How to manage rangeland for *Rana draytonii* and *Ambystoma californiense*, with a focus on identifying core elements of suitable habitat, managing ponds with and for the species, as well as streams, springs and other moist habitats, and upland habitat. Several examples of successful management approaches are presented.

- 34. Foster, C.D., J. Traverse, P. Martin, A. Varsik, and E. Stanhaus. 2007. Anuran conservation through collaborations: Santa Barbara Zoo teams up with the U.S. Forest Service. Herpetological Review 38:141-142.**

Cooperative surveys of *R. draytonii* and *Bufo californicus* in streams of coastal central California. Photographs of *R. draytonii* egg masses.

- 35. Frost, R. 2001. The California red-legged frog: A species in crisis. Outdoor California 62:21-23.**

A concise, slightly dated, popular description of the frog's status.

- 36. Gerwin, V. 2006. Frog forces EPA to reassess pesticides. Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment 4:511.**

The Center for Biological Diversity reached an agreement with the US Environmental Protection Agency to ban 66 pesticides from California red-legged frog habitat until they can be assessed for harmful impacts on the frog.

- 37. Govindarajulu, P. R. Altwegg and B. Anholt. 2005. Matrix Model Investigation of Invasive Species Control: Bullfrogs on Vancouver Island. Ecological Applications 15(6):2161-2170.**

Modelling showed that controlling metamorph bullfrogs was the most effective way to reduce the rate of growth in a bullfrog population.

- 38. Gray, I.A. 2009. Breeding pond dispersal of interacting California red-legged frogs (*Rana draytonii*) and American bullfrogs (*Lithobates catesbeianus*) of California: a mathematical model with management strategies. M.S. Thesis, Humboldt State University, California.**

A mathematical model showed that a network of permanent and seasonal ponds would allow the coexistence of bullfrogs and red-legged frogs for at least 60 years without management. Bullfrog control was necessary to maintain red-legged frog populations in permanent ponds.

- 39. Green, D.E., K.A. Converse and A.K. Schrader. 2002. Epizootiology of sixty-four amphibian morbidity and mortality events in the USA, 1996-2001.**

A good overview of the factors causing amphibian die-offs in the US. Chytrid fungus was the most common causative agent, and was diagnosed or suspected in the two mortality events studied in 2002 in *Rana draytonii*. Crayfish introduction was also probably a contributing factor in one case.

- 40. Hayes, M.P. and M.R. Jennings. 1989. Habitat correlates of distribution of the California red-legged frog (*Rana aurora draytonii*) and the foothill yellow-legged frog (*Rana***

*boylei*): Implications for management. Pages 144-158 in R.E. Szaro, K.E. Severson, and D.R. Patton (technical coordinators). Proceedings of the Symposium on the Management of Amphibians, Reptiles, and Small Mammals in North America. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service General Technical Report RM-166.

*Rana a. draytonii* recorded most commonly from intermittent streams that had pools >0.6 m deep and intact shoreline or emergent vegetation. Negative habitat components included bullfrogs, introduced fishes, and perennial water.

41. Hayes, M.P. and M.R. Jennings. 1986. Decline of ranid frog species in western North America: Are bullfrogs (*Rana catesbeiana*) responsible? *Journal of Herpetology* 20:490-509.

Bullfrogs, habitat alteration, and introduced fishes have contributed to the decline of ranid frogs, with the latter probably having the most serious effect.

42. Jennings, M.R. 1988b. Natural history and decline of native ranids in California. Pages 61-72 in H.F. DeLisle, P.R. Brown, B. Kaufman, and B.M. McGurty (editors). Proceedings of the conference on California herpetology. Southwestern Herpetologists Society Special Publication No. 4.

Summary of biology and habitat for *R. draytonii*, and discussion of current threats.

43. Jennings, M.R. and M.P. Hayes. 1985. Pre-1900 overharvest of California red-legged frogs (*Rana aurora draytonii*): The inducement for bullfrog (*Rana catesbeiana*) introduction. *Herpetologica* 41:94-103.

Because of declining red-legged frog populations, bullfrogs were introduced to California to satisfy the frog-leg market.

44. Jennings, M.R. and M.P. Hayes. 1995. Amphibian and reptile species of special concern in California. Final report submitted to the California Department of Fish and Game, Inland Fisheries Division, Contract No. 8023. 255 pages.

Distribution map for *R. a. draytonii* and summaries of its taxonomy, biology, and presumed threats.

45. Keung, N. 2015. Longitudinal Distribution and Summer Diurnal Microhabitat Use of California Red-Legged Frogs (*Rana draytonii*) in Coastal Waddell Creek. Master's Theses. San Jose State University. Paper 4547. 85 pp.

A total of 20 radio-tracked *R. draytonii* revealed small summer home ranges. Frogs tended to use good aquatic (e.g., wood, undercut banks, dense willows) and bank cover (e.g., ground vegetation, wood) at all times but used open habitats more at night than during the day.

46. Kupferberg, S.J., W.J. Palen, A.J. Lind, S. Bobzien, A. Catenazzi, J. Drennann, and M.E. Power. 2012. Effects of flow regimes altered by dams on survival, population declines, and range-wide losses of California river-breeding frogs. *Conservation Biology* 26:513-524.

Dams and the resultant disruption of natural flow regimes are correlated with the decimation and disappearance of downstream populations of *Rana boylei* and *R. draytonii*.

47. **Lawler, S.P., D. Dritz, T. Strange, and M. Holyoak. 1999. Effects of introduced mosquitofish and bullfrogs on the threatened California red-legged frog. Conservation Biology 13:613-622.**

In experimental ponds, *Gambusia* did not affect red-legged frog tadpole survival, but they did inhibit growth and delayed metamorphosis. Bullfrog tadpoles reduced survivorship of red-legged tadpoles to about 5%.

48. **McCasland, C., J. Davis, and D. Krofta. 2001. Endangered and threatened wildlife and plants: Final determination of critical habitat for the California red-legged frog; final rule. Federal Register 66:14626-14758.**

An accurate, up-to-date summary of the biology and habitat requirements of the California red-legged frog. Includes detailed maps and description of the 1,674,582 ha critical habitat.

49. **Miller, K.J., A. Willy, S. Larsen, and S. Morey. 1996. Endangered and threatened wildlife and plants: Determination of threatened status for the California red-legged frog. Federal Register 61:25813-25833.**

Notification of the listing the California red-legged frog as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

50. **Miller, K.J. 1994. Endangered and threatened wildlife and plants: Proposed endangered status for the California red-legged frog. Federal Register 59:4888-4895.**

U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service listing package with a summary of the frog's biology and threats to its persistence.

51. **Morafka, D.J. and B.H. Banta. 1976. Ecological relationships of the recent herpetofauna of Pinnacles National Monument, Monterey and San Benito Counties, California. The Wasmann Journal of Biology 34: 304-324.**

*Rana draytonii* (as *R. aurora*) was seen active in all months except January and February; it was most active in the warm months, March through October.

52. **Moyle, P.B. 1973. Effects of introduced bullfrogs, *Rana catesbeiana*, on the native frogs of the San Joaquin Valley, California. Copeia 1973:18-22.**

The bullfrog appears to have displaced the red-legged frog from all of its former habitat in the San Joaquin Valley.

53. **Padgett-Flohr, G. E. and R. L. Hopkins. 2010. Landscape epidemiology of *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* in central California. Ecography 33:688-697.**

A sampling of 6 amphibian species, including *R. draytonii*, for *Bd* in 54 ponds over 4 years resulted in no difference in status of *Bd* infection based on land use practices. Authors attribute *Bd* infection between ponds to waterfowl and amphibians and not livestock or humans.



54. Padgett-Flohr, G. E. and R. L. Hopkins II. 2009. *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*, a novel pathogen approaching endemism in central California. *Diseases of Aquatic Organisms* 83:1-9.

A total of 687 amphibian museum specimens from four species collected between 1897 and 2005 from central California were examined for chytrid fungus infection. The earliest infections detected (1961) were in *Lithobates catesbeianus* on the Stanford University campus, followed by infections in *Rana boylei* (1966), *Pseudacris regilla* (1970s), and *Rana draytonii* (1980s). *Bd* appears to have spread in a radial pattern through central California from an initial central location over a period of 40 yr. *Pseudacris regilla* appears to be the major vector of the disease.

55. Padgett-Flohr, G. E. 2008. Pathogenicity of *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* in two threatened California amphibians: *Rana draytonii* and *Ambystoma californiense*. *Herpetological Conservation and Biology* 3:182-191.

Six of 12 *Rana draytonii* tadpoles had chytrid infections when collected. The tadpoles were maintained for 18 months through metamorphosis, during which none died. Infected tadpoles/frogs maintained weight and growth equal to the non-infected controls.

56. Preston, D.L., J.S. Henderson and P.T.J. Johnson. 2012. Community ecology of invasions: Direct and indirect effects of multiple invasive species on aquatic communities. *Ecology* 93:1254.

An examination of the individual and combined effects of nonnative fish predators and nonnative bullfrogs on native communities. Among 139 wetlands, nonnative fish (bass, sunfish and mosquitofish) negatively influenced the probability of occupancy of Pacific treefrogs (*Pseudacris regilla*), but neither invader had strong effects on occupancy of California newts (*Taricha torosa*), Western toads (*Anaxyrus boreas*) or Red-legged frogs (*Rana draytonii*). Bullfrog larvae reduced the growth of native anurans but had no effect on survival.

57. Rathbun, G. 2012. Water temperatures in a California red-legged frog breeding pond. *Immediate Science Ecology* 1:7-11.

Use of data loggers to gather water temperature profiles of one pond on the coast of Central California. Water temperatures did not follow ambient air temperatures due to solar radiation. It is hypothesized that without cattle grazing the pond would become too overgrown and not support a temperature regime in shallow waters to support CRF.

58. Rathbun, G.B. and J. Schneider. 2001. Translocation of California red-legged frogs (*Rana aurora draytonii*). *Wildlife Society Bulletin* 29:1300-1303.

Describes juvenile and adult frogs homing after being moved from breeding pond. One adult male returned 2.8km back to the breeding pond in less than 32 days.

59. Rathbun, G.B., N.J. Scott, Jr., and T.G. Murphey. 1997. *Rana aurora draytonii* (California red-legged frog). *Behavior*. *Herpetological Review* 28:85-86.

Red-legged frogs climbed over a fence designed to be a frog barrier.

60. **Richmond, J., A. Backlin, P. Tatarian, B. Solvesky and R. Fisher. 2014. Population declines lead to replicate patterns of internal range structure at the tips of the distribution of the California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*). *Biological Conservation* 172: 128-137.**

The population genetics of *R. draytonii* populations in the northern Sierra Nevada were compared to coastal populations in the San Francisco Bay Area, where the species is notably more abundant and still exists throughout much of its historic range. It was shown that Sierra Nevada populations have lower genetic diversity and are more differentiated from one another than their Bay Area counterparts. This same pattern was mirrored across the distribution in California, where Sierra Nevada and Bay Area populations had lower allelic variability compared to those previously studied in coastal southern California. Because there is no evidence of contemporary gene flow between any of the Sierra Nevada *R. draytonii* populations, we suggest that management activities should focus on maintaining and creating additional ponds to support breeding within typical dispersal distances of occupied habitat.

61. **Richter, K. 1997. Criteria for the restoration and creation of wetland habitats of lentic-breeding amphibians of the Pacific northwest. In Macdonald, K.B. and F. Weinmann (eds.) 1997. *Wetland and Riparian Restoration: Taking a broader view*. Publication EPA 910-R-007. USEPA, Region 10, Seattle, Washington.**

Although written for the Pacific northwest, this paper provides good information on a variety of ecological parameters used by amphibians with information on *Rana aurora*, and provides criteria for wetland size, orientation, configuration and buffers.

62. **Reis, D.K. 1999. Habitat characteristics of California red-legged frogs (*Rana aurora draytonii*): Ecological differences between eggs, tadpoles, and adults in a coastal brackish and freshwater system. M.S. Thesis, San Jose State University, California.**

A multivariate analysis of habitats showed eggs and larvae were found in relatively shallow, warm water, with a high abundance of pondweed (*Potamogeton*) an indicator of larval habitat. Adults were found in deeper water.

63. **Richmond, J., A. Backlin, P. Tatarian, B. Solvesky and R. Fisher. 2014. Population Declines Lead to Replicate Patterns of Internal Range Structure at the Tips of the Distribution of the California Red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*). *Biological Conservation* 172(2014): 128-137.**

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64. **Richmond, J., K. Barr, A. Backlin, A. Vandergast and R. Fisher. 2013. Evolutionary dynamics of a rapidly receding southern range boundary in the threatened California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*). Evolutionary Applications. pp 15.**

Through microsatellites and mtDNA, the authors evaluated the “abundant-center” hypothesis as it pertains to the southern population of *R. draytonii* in three populations in southern California. The spatial configuration of *R. draytonii* populations forming the southern range edge and their interdigitation within major urban centers acts to suspend gene flow along the periphery of the distribution and raises conservation concerns for some of the most threatened populations in the species’ range. The low diversity and isolation sink populations at the range edge suggest that management efforts should focus on preserving high diversity, interior sources.

65. **Semlitsch, R. 2000. Principals for Management of Aquatic Breeding Amphibians. Journal of Wildlife Management. 64(3):615-631.**

Provides a briefs overview of known threats to amphibians at the local and regional populations, the state of knowledge of population and landscape processes and the elements in an effective management plan.

66. **Snyder-Velto, D.K. 2008. Moving quickly saves a breeding season. Endangered Species Bulletin 33:32-33.**

After a flood, a rapid response by the Forest Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service created breeding habitat for a critically vulnerable population of red-legged frogs, one of only two known in Los Angeles County.

67. **Stitt, E.W. and G.T. Downard. 2000. Status of the California red-legged frog and California tiger salamander at Concord Naval Weapons Station, California. Transactions of the Western Section of the Wildlife Society 36:32-39.**

Extensive survey of red-legged frog habitats and comments on the disappearance of bullfrogs from the station.

68. **Stuart, S.N., M. Hoffmann, J.S. Chanson, N.A. Cox, R.J. Berridge, P. Ramani, and B.E. Young (editors). 2008. Threatened amphibians of the world. IUCN, Gland, Switzerland and Conservation International, Arlington, Virginia, USA. Lynx Editions, Barcelona, Spain.**

*Rana draytonii* (as *R. a. draytonii*) has been extirpated from about 70% of its former range. It still occurs in 256 drainages in 28 counties. The principal threats are habitat loss and non-native predators. The USGS has implemented a monitoring plan, and the USFWS has designated 1.7 million hectares as Critical Habitat in California. A monitoring and conservation program must be implemented in the Mexican part of its range, as this does not include any protected areas.

69. **Symonds, K. 2008. Ranchers restore amphibian-friendly ponds. Endangered Species Bulletin 33(1):30-31.**

Short description of a program developed by the Alameda County Resource Conservation District, the National Resource Conservation Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to

encourage Alameda County ranchers to repair stock ponds, thus creating habitat for red-legged frogs and tiger salamanders.

- 70. Tatarian, P.J. 2008. Movement patterns of California red-legged frogs (*Rana draytonii*) in an inland California environment. *Herpetological Conservation and Biology* 3:155-169.**

Less than half of 49 radio-tagged frogs moved away from their source pools over two seasons. Most movement occurred after the first rains and before the breeding season. Upland sites where frogs located were closer to pools and had more cover than random sites.

- 71. Tatarian, P. and G. Tatarian. 2010. Chytrid infection of *Rana draytonii* in the Sierra Nevada, California, USA. *Herpetological Review* 41:325-327.**

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