

About Metro

Clean air and clean water do not stop at city limits or county lines. Neither does the need for jobs, a thriving economy, and sustainable transportation choices for people and businesses in the region. Voters have asked Metro to help with the challenges and opportunities that affect the 25 cities and three counties in the Portland metropolitan area.

A regional approach simply makes sense when it comes to making decisions about how the region grows. Metro works with communities to support a resilient economy, keep nature close by and respond to a changing climate. Together we're making a great place, now and for generations to come.

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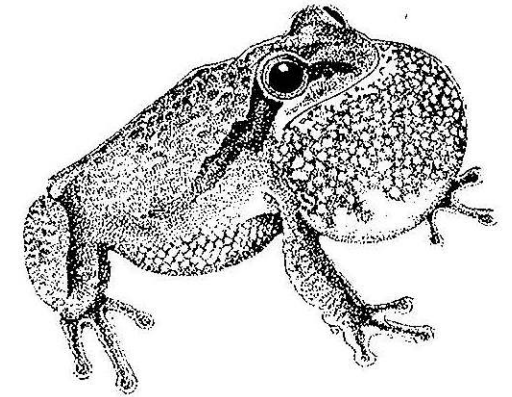
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Amphibians and reptiles of the Portland metropolitan area

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Amphibians and reptiles of the Portland metropolitan area

These are the reptiles and amphibians that occur regularly in Metro's parks and natural areas and in other areas with appropriate habitat such as city parks. They are listed in the standard classification system used worldwide.

Key: Order (*Scientific name*)

Family name

examples

* Recently introduced

AMPHIBIANS

Frogs and toads (*Anura*)

Frogs

red-legged frog
bullfrog*

Treefrogs

Pacific chorus frog (formerly Pacific treefrog)

Toads

Western toad

Salamanders (*Caudata*)

Newts

roughskin newt

Giant salamanders

Pacific giant salamander
(world's largest terrestrial salamander)

Mole salamanders

long-toed salamander
Northwestern salamander

Lungless salamanders

ensatina
Western redback salamander
Dunn's salamander
clouded salamander
Oregon slender salamander

Torrent salamanders

Cascade torrent salamander

REPTILES

Turtles (*Testudines*)

Typical pond turtles

Western painted turtle
Western pond turtle
red-eared slider*

Snapping turtles

snapping turtle*

Lizards and snakes (*Squamata*)

Lizards (*Sauria*)

Alligator lizards

Northern alligator lizard
Southern alligator lizard

Iguanid lizards

Western fence lizard

Skinks

Western skink

Snakes (*Serpentes*)

Boas

rubber boa

Colubrids (typical snakes)

common garter snake
Northwestern garter snake
Western terrestrial garter snake
(Garter snakes are frequently and erroneously called gartner, garden, and gardener snakes.)

The gopher snake, racer and ring-necked snake are now very rare in our region, although common in some parts of Oregon.

There are no venomous snakes in the Portland metropolitan area.

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