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### **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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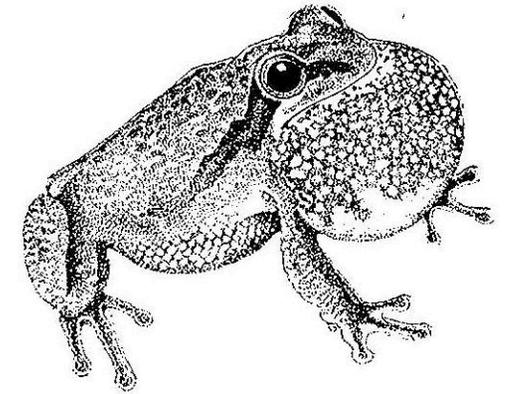
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## **Amphibians and reptiles of the Portland metropolitan area**

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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

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## 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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