

AMPHIBIAN WEEK

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To promote the understanding of why Amphibians are important and how to conserve and protect Amphibians. A Year of Celebration of Amphibians increases the awareness of Amphibians and showcases their existence, beauty, amazing attributes and their role as an indicator of the health of our planet.

What are Amphibians?

- Vertebrates that breathe and absorb water through their thin skin
- Cold blooded ("ectotherms")
- Most with aquatic gill-breathing larval stage followed by a terrestrial lung-breathing adult stage

Amphibians belong to 3 groups

Frogs and Toads



Newts and Salamanders



Caecilians



Amazing Amphibian Facts

- Called amphibians "amphibios" because most live a "double life" with time spent on land and in water
- There are at least 8,150 amphibians species today, with 7,196 species of 'frogs'
- The Olm, also called the "the Human Fish" can live 100 years!



- Smallest Amphibian – Frog from New Guinea 0.03 in (7.7 mm)



- The largest amphibian is the Chinese Giant Salamander 5 foot 11 in (1.8 m)



Secret Lives of Amphibians

- Found on every continent except Antarctica
- Most are nocturnal
- Spend lots of time hidden
- Observe frogs using binoculars



Threats to Amphibians

- Habitat Loss
- Disease
- Non-Native Species
- Contaminates
- Climate Change



Actions for Amphibians

- Protect Habitat
- Get involved with local efforts
- Don't release Amphibians into the wild



Partnering for Amphibian Conservation

Federal, State, Counties, NGO, Universities, Schools, Public, Volunteers



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