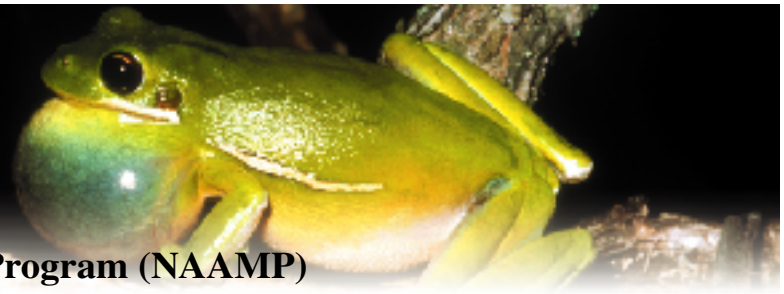

Patuxent Wildlife Research Center
North American Amphibian Monitoring Program (NAAMP)

What is NAAMP?

The NAAMP is a long-term monitoring program designed to track the status and trends of frog and toad populations in the Canadian Provinces and in the eastern United States. NAAMP is a collaborative effort among many partner organizations working regionally and the USGS. The USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center provides central coordination and administrative support. NAAMP regional partners include State and Provincial government agencies, academic institutions, and non-profit organizations. Regional partners provide local coordination and training.

How does the NAAMP work?

Each year during the amphibian breeding season (spring and summer for most of the United States and Canada), participants collect frog and toad population data along roadside survey routes. Participants are recruited and trained by the regional partner organizations on how to identify frogs and toads by their unique vocalizations and how to follow the NAAMP protocols for collecting survey data. Because the participants record what species they hear along roadside routes, the survey is often referred to as an amphibian calling survey.

- Each survey route has 10 listening stations
- At each listening station, observers listen for 5 minutes
- Surveys are conducted in the evening, when more amphibians are active
- Routes are conducted 3 to 4 times per year, because different species breed at different times

Spend a few evenings with the frogs - participants needed!

We are seeking people to assist in conducting the NAAMP amphibian calling survey. Consider donating a couple of nights each spring and summer to help with amphibian monitoring.

- You provide the vehicle and time
- NAAMP provides data sheets, maps, training, and instructions
- Submit your finding via the NAAMP website

Contact Information:

For information on how to contact the regional NAAMP partner in your area, please contact Linda Weir by email at naamp@usgs.gov or by telephone at (301) 497-5932.

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