

# THREATS

Amphibians and reptiles are in serious decline all over the world. The principle cause is due to the habitat loss and degradation due to development, resource extraction, climate change, and pollution. Amphibians can not survive in clear cut areas, but can in urban areas if given forest cover, ponds, and logs. Additionally, invasive species (such as the American Bullfrog) are outlined as a major concern to both.

## Turtles



Western Painted Pond Turtle  
**Species-at-Risk**

Green Sea Turtle  
**Species-at-Risk**



Leatherback Sea Turtle  
**Species-at-Risk**

# HOW YOU CAN HELP

## Create Habitat

If you have a garden, a yard, or a balcony, you can provide habitat for amphibians. Their preferred habitats include ponds, logs, rotting wood, and



*A man made habitat*

## Use Alternatives for Pesticides

Regardless of how careful you are, pesticides often end up in waterways. Beyond damaging developing eggs and larvae, the chemicals permeate into the amphibians' highly absorbent skin.

## If You Want a Pet, Buy Domestic



Wild-caught amphibians and those sold in the international market each contribute to their decline in nature. Please do not release your pet into the wild, as this practice continues to be a serious threat.

## Donate, Volunteer, & Join!

One of the best ways you can help protect the biodiversity of the Sunshine Coast is to support the SCCA directly. Visit [www.thescca.ca](http://www.thescca.ca) for more information.



# AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES

*of the Sunshine Coast*



*Photo by Rick O'Neill*

*A Rough Skinned Newt ponders the future of his forest home.*



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## Snakes & Lizards

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Northwestern Alligator Lizard



Sharp-tailed Snake  
**Species-at-Risk**



Rubber Boa  
**Species-at-Risk**



Northwestern Garter Snake

## Frogs

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Northern Reg-legged Frog  
**Species-at-Risk**

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Pacific Tree Frog

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Pacific Tailed Frog  
**Species-at-Risk**



Oregon Spotted Frog  
**Species-at-Risk**

## Salamanders

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Northwestern Salamander

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Long-toed Salamander

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Pacific Giant Salamander  
**Species-at-Risk**

Wandering Salamander  
**Species-at-Risk**

