

# Foothill Yellow-Legged Frog



California Native Frog

2003 Series

# FOOTHILL YELLOW-LEGGED FROG... *Rana boylei*



**FEDERAL STATUS** - Forest Service Sensitive

**HABITAT** - Frequents rocky, sunny banks along streams and rivers of all sizes in woodlands, chaparral and forest. Closely restricted to water. From sea level to rarely around 6,000 feet elevation.

**IDENTIFICATION CHARACTERISTICS** - Yellow on undersides of hind legs and waist. Usually a triangular buff-colored patch on snout. No dorsolateral folds. No mask. These frogs are very cryptic and will remain motionless on the stream banks so that one may not observe them until they become disturbed and jump into the water.

Reference: USDA. 1991. Monitoring frogs and toads on Region 5 National Forests. R-5 Fish Habitat Relationship Technical Bulletin. Number 4. Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region.

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Map: California Wildlife Habitat Relationships System, revised 3/3/99 by J. Vindum

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