

Yosemite Toad



California Native Toad

2003 Series

YOSEMITE TOAD... *Bufo canorus*



FEDERAL STATUS - Forest Service Sensitive

HABITAT - Dwells in the vicinity of lakes or ponds with grassy margins, wet meadows, and quiet areas of streams. They are active mostly in the daytime (western toads are more active at night). Higher elevations of the Sierra Nevada from 4,800 to 12,000 feet.

IDENTIFICATION CHARACTERISTICS - Resembles western toad, but smaller, up to 3 inches, with smoother dorsal skin. Males and females are different colors (sexually dimorphic). Males are pale tan to dark olive with small dark flecks or none, and the females are heavily mottled dark and light. Usually no dorsal stripe (as western toad has). There is a limited area of range overlap and hybridization with western toad in the Mokelumne Wilderness.

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