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FrogWeb: Amphibian Declines & Malformations

- The continental United States is home to at least 230 amphibian species: 90 frog and toad species, and 140 species of salamanders.
- In the U.S., declines are particularly serious in California, the Rocky Mountains, the Southwest, and Puerto Rico. Worldwide, decline "hot spots" also include Australia and Central America.
- Amphibian malformations - extra limbs, malformed or missing limbs, and facial malformations - have been documented in 44 states, and involve nearly 60 species. In some local populations, up to 60% of the amphibians exhibit malformations.



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