

Crawfish Frog *Rana areolata*

Habitat Preference: Stream valley ponds

Threats:

- Loss of temporary wetland pools
 - Many of these pools have been converted by humans to have permanent water and then stocked with fish. Fish prey upon eggs and young frogs leaving the breeding area useless to crawfish frogs.
 - Breeding pools have gradually silted in and no longer hold water during the spring breeding period.



Habitat Improvement Guidelines:

- Excavating woodland pools. Many of these pools have been silted in and need to be excavated in order to hold water in spring. Shallow pools that cannot support fish life are very important. Fish prey on young frogs and frog eggs. Pools should:
 - Be between 1-2 feet deep.
 - Hold water for 2-3 months in the spring.
 - Trees surrounding pools should be left in place.
- Preserve existing woodland pools.
- Avoid disturbing timber surrounding woodland pools.