



Introductory level California Red-legged Frog – Workshop 2026

OVERVIEW

This lecture- and field-based workshop will take place in 2026. We plan to have a web-based lecture (July 6), and three options for field days (July 7, 14, or 21) to allow for small class size. We will be conducting the field portion on the Mitsui Ranch, which is part of the Sonoma Mountain Ranch Preservation Foundation in Petaluma, California. The site has California giant salamander, California red-legged frog, foothill yellow-legged frog, Pacific treefrog (yes, it is Pacific chorus frog [*Pseudacris regilla*]), western toad, Coast Range and rough-skinned newt, among other species. There has been an active movement ecology research project conducted on California red-legged frogs (CRLF) on this site for many years. If untagged CRLF are collected during the workshop, a demonstration of PIT tag insertion will be provided.

The lecture portion of this workshop is designed to highlight specific aspects of the natural history of CRLF, with a brief review of sympatric species. We will cover range, identification, reproduction, predation, foraging behavior, habitat associations, and general permitting needs to work with the species. Other topics will be addressed if attendees have specific questions.

The field portion of the workshop will include visits to both creek and pond habitats. California red-legged frog larvae, metamorphs, and adults are expected to be collected, and participants are encouraged to handle specimens under the direct supervision of permit holders. Not all life stages are guaranteed. Other sympatric species will also be collected and identified.

The field portion of the workshop will begin (meet) at 3 PM and end at approximately 10:30 PM. Please bring a lunch (i.e., dinner) for yourself, water, and field gear, including hip or chest waders, and a net if you have it.



Participants can camp on the Mitsui Ranch (bathrooms and water present). Alternatively, you can stay in Petaluma (Best Western [Petaluma Inn], Hampton Inn, etc.—are close by if you prefer).

Please contact us with questions.

INSTRUCTORS

Instructors **Jeff Alvarez** and **Jeff Wilcox** have held recovery permits for decades and published over 150 manuscripts from their research on California red-legged frogs and other California amphibians and reptiles. The instructor-to-participant ratio will be approximately 6:1, allowing for close interaction at all stages of the course.

If you are interested in this workshop, please act soon as we are anticipating strong interest. Please feel free to sign-up by using the registration sheet below.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Fill out all sections of the registration form. Complete a separate form for each registrant.

PAYMENT:

Make checks payable to “**The Wildlife Project**”, or fill out credit card information on the registration form. Only VISA or MasterCard credit is accepted. We accept Zelle—see QR code, or add the following number as a recipient (209-815-5660). If you need to use Venmo, PayPal, or other methods, please email us to make arrangements. No crypto-currency payments are accepted at this time.

Email or snail-mail registration form with your payment to:

Email: Workshops@TheWildlifeProject.com

Mailing address:

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Confirmation: Confirmation of registration will be sent within two weeks via email or snail mail. The confirmation letter will indicate which time slot you may have received. A follow-up email will include reading materials, meeting locations of field trips, and suggestions about field gear.

Workshop Questions: For questions on registration email: Workshops@TheWildlifeProject.com

