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Arroyo Toad

(Bufo californicus)

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Protected at Fort Hunter Liggett (California)

Habitat: Slow-flowing rivers that have shallow, gravelly pools with sandy terraces and cottonwood, oak, and willow trees.

A relatively small toad of 2 to 3 inches long.

Courtship call is a high trill that is similar to some insect calls.

A nocturnal amphibian.

Only six populations with more than a dozen adults are known.

Has glands that secrete poison, limiting natural predators to a few reptiles, birds, and mammals that can metabolize the toxins.

Listed as endangered on December 16, 1994.

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