

Commission Order 41: Amphibians

Open Areas - Statewide - As defined in ARS§17-101, but does not include any area closed under ARS §17-303 and 17-304, or R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803

Open Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Amphibians
A. Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2021	(1, 2, 5, 7, and 8)	Statewide, except areas closed in Note 7	All amphibians, except those named in Subsections B, C, D, E, F, G, and H
BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT: Ten (10) per year or in possession of each species live or dead.			
B. Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2021	(1, 2, 7, and 8)	Statewide, except areas closed in Note 7	<i>Bufo cognatus</i> (Great Plains toad), <i>B. punctatus</i> (red-spotted toad), <i>Scaphiopus couchi</i> (Couch's spadefoot), and <i>Spea multiplicata</i> (Mexican spadefoot)
BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT: Ten (10) per day or in possession per species live or dead.			
C. Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2021	(1, 2, 3, 7, and 8)	Statewide, except areas closed in Note 7	<i>Craugaster augusti</i> (barking frog)
BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT: Two (2) per year or in possession live or dead.			
D. Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2021	(1, 2, 4, 7, and 8)	Statewide, except areas closed in Notes 4 and 7	All species in the genus <i>Ambystoma</i> (waterdog or tiger salamander)
BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT: Unlimited live or dead.			
E. Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2021	(1, 2, 7, 8, 9, and 10)	Statewide, except areas closed in Notes 7 and 9	<i>Rana catesbeiana</i> (bullfrog)
BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT: Unlimited dead.			
F. Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2021	(1, 2, 7, and 8)	Statewide, except areas closed in Note 7	All species in the genus <i>Xenopus</i> (clawed frog) and <i>Bufo marinus</i> (giant toad)
BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT: Unlimited dead.			
G. Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2021	(1, 2, 6, 7, and 9)	Statewide, except areas closed in Notes 6 and 7.	<i>Rana berlandieri</i> (Rio Grande leopard frog)
BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT: Unlimited dead.			
H.	There is no open season on <i>Ambystoma tigrinum stebbinsi</i> (Sonoran tiger salamander), <i>Rana tarahumarae</i> (Tarahumara frog), <i>Rana blairi</i> (plains leopard frog), <i>Rana chiricahuensis</i> (Chiricahua leopard frog), <i>Rana pipiens</i> (northern leopard frog), <i>Rana yavapaiensis</i> (lowland leopard frog), <i>Rana onca</i> (relict leopard frog).		
Notes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A fishing or combination license is required for take of amphibians. Amphibians may be taken day or night. Methods of take are prescribed in R12-4-313. 2. The Fort Huachuca Military Reservation controls access to the taking of aquatic wildlife on its installation. 3. The possession limit for <i>Craugaster augusti</i> (barking frog) legally held prior to January 1, 2005 is 10 per person. 4. No waterdogs or salamanders may be taken in that portion of Santa Cruz County lying east and south of State Highway 82 or that portion of Cochise County lying west of the San Pedro River and south of State Highway 82. 5. No <i>Hyla wrightorum</i> (Arizona treefrogs) may be taken in Cochise or Santa Cruz counties. 6. <i>Rana berlandieri</i> (Rio Grande leopard frogs) may not be taken from the portion of the Hassayampa River between Wickenburg and Morristown. 7. Amphibians may not be taken at any time (or during periods specified) within the following areas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Posted boundaries of State or Federal hatcheries, except for Arizona Game and Fish Department sponsored fishing clinics. (2) Posted boundary of the Region I regional headquarters in Pinetop. (3) The Colorado River one-half mile upstream and one-half mile downstream from its confluence with the Little Colorado River. (4) That portion of the Little Colorado River lying within the Grand Canyon National Park. (5) Lee Valley Creek above Lee Valley Lake. (6) Gap Creek between Honeymoon Cabin and its confluence with the Verde River. (7) Mineral Creek in Apache County upstream of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest Boundary. 		

- (8) Posted areas immediately above the dams at Upper Lake Mary, Alamo Lake and Lake Mead.
 - (9) Posted areas immediately below Davis, Hoover, Glen Canyon, Waddell (Lake Pleasant), Roosevelt, Horse Mesa and Mormon Flat dams.
 - (10) Posted, Spawning Pond Number 1 and Spawning Pond Number 2 located along the Salinity Canal north of Yuma.
 - (11) The Luna Lake Wildlife Area from April 1 through July 31.
 - (12) Posted portions of Alamo Lake.
 - (13) Posted portions of the Tonto Arm of Roosevelt Lake from November 15 through February 15 annually.
 - (14) Posted portions of Mittry Lake from November 15 through February 15 annually.
 - (15) Posted portions of Becker Lake are closed to all public entry from December 15 through June 15.
 - (16) Posted portions of Lake Mead.
 - (17) Posted portions of Powers Butte Wildlife Area are closed to entry for the purpose of taking wildlife.
 - (18) Posted portions of Bog Hole Wildlife Area.
 - (19) Posted portions of Lake Havasu.
 - (20) Posted portions of Cienega Creek in Pima County.
 - (21) Aravaipa Creek in Pinal and Graham counties.
 - (22) Sycamore Creek in Santa Cruz County.
 - (23) Cibola Lake from the first Monday in September (Labor Day) through March 15.
 - (24) Posted portions of Martinez Lake from October 1 through March 1.
 - (25) Posted in accordance with and pursuant to ARS 17-303 and 304.
- 8. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermillion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to the take of wildlife.
 - 9. Havasu, Bill Williams River, Cibola, and Imperial National Wildlife Refuges are open to the take of bullfrogs, as permitted by refuge regulations (posted areas are closed).
 - 10. Within Unit 25M, bullfrogs may only be taken by minnow trap, crayfish net, hand, or with any hand-held, non-motorized implement that does not discharge a projectile, as prescribed in R12-4-313(D.6).