

Lithobates berlandieri

System: Freshwater_terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Animalia	Chordata	Amphibia	Anura	Ranidae

Common name Rio Grande Leopard Frog (English)

Synonym *Rana berlandieri* ,Baird, 1859
Rana pipiens berlandieri ,Baird, 1859
Rana halecina berlandieri ,Baird, 1859
Rana halecina austriicola ,Cope, 1886
Rana berlandieri berlandieri ,Baird, 1859
Rana austriicola ,Cope, 1886
Rana virescens austriicola ,Cope, 1886
Rana virescens berlandieri ,Baird, 1859
Rana pipiens austriicola ,Cope, 1886

Similar species

Summary *Lithobates berlandieri* native to some parts of Mexico and the United States (see distribution) has been introduced to Baja California (Mexico) and to Arizona (United States). In Arizona individuals of this species have been recorded as being infected with the Chytrid fungus posing a danger to the native frogs of the region.



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Habitat Description

This species can be found along streams and rivers, springs, stock ponds, backwaters, canals, drainage ditches, and arroyo pools in grassland, shrubland, savannah, desert, and woodland areas; chiefly a stream dweller. It utilizes both temporary and permanent water. Eggs and larvae develop in flowing or non-flowing water (mostly the former).

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[1] MEXICO

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