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## NORTHERN LEOPARD FROG

*Lithobates pipiens* / *Rana pipiens*

Should northern leopard frog be listed  
as an **ENDANGERED** species in the NWT?

Northern leopard frog has been listed as **Threatened**  
since 2015 and is being considered for up-listing.

**Endangered** means northern leopard frogs could  
disappear from the NWT in the near future.



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The northern leopard frog is a medium-sized green-brown frog with oval-shaped spots on its back bordered by light halos (similar to a leopard). They are uncommon in the NWT, and have only been found near the Slave, Taltson, Tethul and Tazin rivers in the South Slave region.

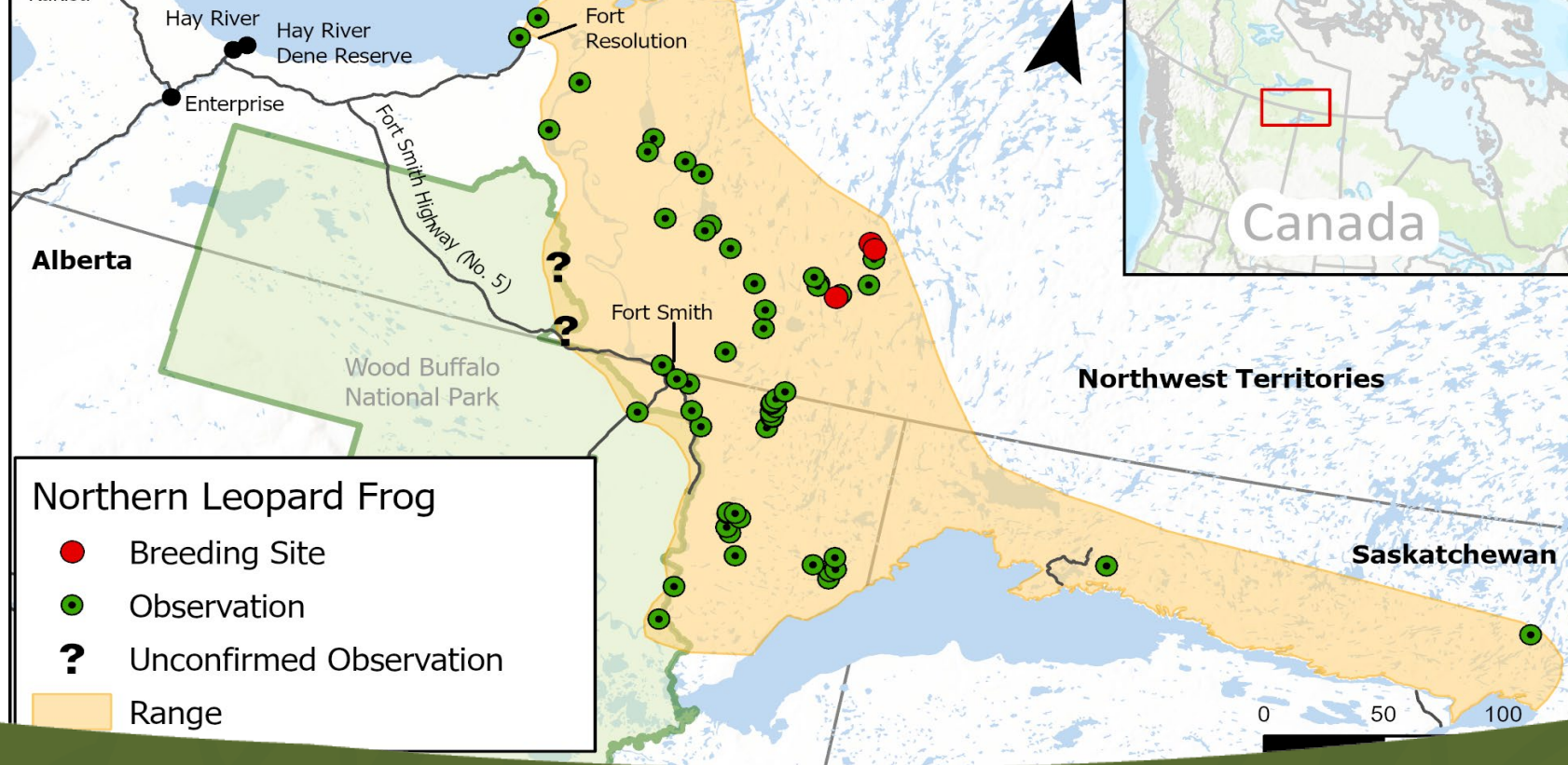
The population of northern leopard frogs in the NWT is genetically distinct from populations further south and has low genetic diversity. It is also geographically isolated, which means if this population disappears, it would be difficult to replace.

In 2025, the NWT Species at Risk Committee (SARC) assessed the northern leopard frog as **Endangered** in the NWT based on the species' small, isolated range and reports of declines from local communities, as well as their low genetic diversity and sensitivity to increasing threats.

The **NWT Species at Risk Committee** (SARC) is an independent group of experts who hold Indigenous and community knowledge, and/or scientific knowledge about species and habitat in the NWT. They assess species based on the best available information and objective biological criteria.

Read the assessment report and learn more  
about northern leopard frogs:

[www.nwtspeciesatrisk.ca](http://www.nwtspeciesatrisk.ca)



## AN ENDANGERED SPECIES? NORTHERN LEOPARD FROG

The **Management Plan for Amphibians in the NWT** was finalized in 2017 and provides an action-oriented planning tool to maintain a healthy and viable population for amphibian species across their NWT range. If northern leopard frog is up-listed to **Endangered** in the NWT, this plan will continue to guide co-management partners in their decision-making for this species. The uplisting will not change regulations already in place or activities allowed in northern leopard frog habitat.

- Read the **NWT amphibians progress report (2017-2021)**
- Read the **Management Plan for Amphibians in the NWT (2017)**

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- Should northern leopard frog be listed as **Endangered**? Why or why not?
- Northern leopard frog has been listed as a **Threatened** species in the NWT since 2015. How has the listing of this species affected you or your community? Would uplisting this species to **Endangered** have positive or negative impacts? What would they be?
- Is there new or missing information that was not considered in the latest **status report for northern leopard frog**? If so, can you provide it to us or tell us where to find it?

## HAVE YOUR SAY!

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For more about  
northern leopard frog and the  
NWT List of Species at Risk:

**[www.nwt-species-at-risk.ca](http://www.nwt-species-at-risk.ca)**