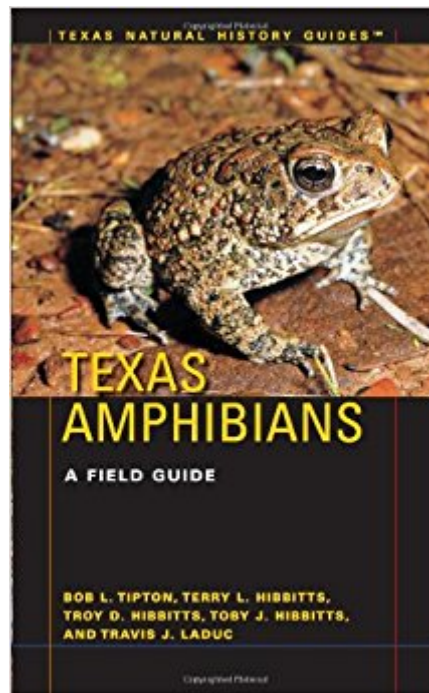




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Synopsis

With a wide variety of habitats ranging from southeastern swamps to western deserts, Texas is home to numerous species of frogs, toads, and salamanders. Each area of Texas has a particular set of species that has evolved there over thousands of years. Indeed, most amphibians are not very mobile, and many live their entire lives within a few square meters. This makes them particularly vulnerable to environmental degradation and habitat destruction. *Texas Amphibians* is the only field guide focused exclusively on the state's frogs, toads, and salamanders. It presents brief, general accounts of the two orders and fifteen families. Then it identifies each of the seventy-two species in detail, including size, description, voice (if applicable), similar species, distribution (with maps), natural history, reproduction, subspecies (if applicable), and comments and conservation information. Color photographs illustrate the species. The book also includes a general introduction to amphibian natural history, conservation, observation and collection, maintenance in captivity, museum and preserved specimens, and scientific and common names, as well as scientific keys to Texas salamanders and frogs and a generic key to amphibian larvae. This wealth of information, compiled by a team of experts who collectively have over a century of experience in field herpetology, will increase our appreciation for amphibians and the vital role they play as an early indicator of threats to the quality of the environment that we all share.

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Best series of TX field guides there is!

I am so glad this update is out. The book is very portable and chock full of info, the introduction is a must read for the naturalist. The taxonomic updates are nice to see and I very much appreciate the well researched range maps and how those are presented. Would recommend this to anyone interested in the topic.

It is a good field guide for Texas Amphibians and presents the information in a well organized manner. It does a good job covering the newer species described in Texas in the last few decades, particularly the subterranean salamanders. The photos are a bit small for identification purposes, but there are good keys for those familiar with using them.

I teach a herpetology course at a private institution in Texas. This field guide series is required for my class. These guides are useful for both amateur and professional herpers.

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Great guide, now need to get out in the field.

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