

Species of the Month

Coast Range Newt

Taricha torosa torosa



Coast Range Newt

- California Species of Special Concern
- Endemic to California
- Found in coastal mountain oak forests, woodlands, or rolling grasslands
- Breeds in deep pools of slow moving water
- 4-7 inches long
- Diet consists of small invertebrates
- Toxic - Tetrodotoxin
- Threats to the species include loss of habitat due to development and wildfire



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- Terrestrial except during breeding season when they become aquatic
- Breeding takes place during the rainy season, normally starting in December.
- Migrate back to same water body where they hatched.
- During the breeding season, males develop nuptial pads which make it easier to hold onto the female during amplexus.
- Females lay clusters of 7-30 eggs
- Can live up to 20 years in the wild



Monitoring and Management

- Preserve and protect upland and stream habitat
- Removal of invasive species
- Maintain occupancy of at least 75% of the occupied Coast Range newt habitat
- Determine if successful reproduction is occurring within the MSHCP Conservation Area



Thank You

