

Local Totem Species & Key Water Features

Mariposa CA

Click link to download PDF of California endangered and threatened species list:

www.dfg.ca.gov/biogeodata/cnddb/pdfs/TEAnimals.pdf

Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog:

- The mountain yellow-legged frog appears on the Federal Endangered Species list, and on the California Endangered/Threatened Species list. From the Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog Site: "Against this background of population disappearances, it is heartening to see the growing interest in conserving these frogs. To further that interest, this site distills the burgeoning scientific and management literature on mountain yellow-legged frogs down into the key facts related to natural history, current status, threats, and ongoing conservation efforts." www.myfrog.info
- The frog populates the Merced River, near Mariposa.

Merced River:

- The Merced River is designated as a Wild and Scenic River, which means that it has special protection laws and management. This has been a source of some controversy in the area, and has led to several revisions of the management plan, linked to here: www.nps.gov/archive/yose/planning/mrp/html/o7_rmrp_ch1.htm
- Yosemite holds Merced River Plan public meetings. Here is a link for more information: www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/mrp_meetings.htm.
- Another website containing Merced River biological research is: www.mercedriverwatershed.org
- Merced River Alliance Project: merced-river.org/Documents/IBMAR%20short%20summary.pdf

Black Bears:

- As Mariposa is so close to Yosemite, animals from the park, including black bears, overflow into the town. Here is the Yosemite animal information link for bears: www.nps.gov/yose/naturescience/bears.htm