

Park Science has been reporting sporadically, as the isolated incidents made the news, on the mysterious disappearance of amphibians. Now Michael Milstein, reporter for the **Billings Gazette**, and a former NPS ranger, does a thorough job for the National Parks and Conservation Association's magazine, **National Parks**, (July-August 1990) of uncovering what is happening to these little noticed denizens of the National Park System. He interviews a cross section of scientists as to possible causes and prognoses. "There are few reassuring signs," he notes. "What is most urgently needed now, biologists say, is research to prove exactly what is killing frogs and their kin. Backcountry rangers working in several NPs, including Canyonlands, Yosemite, and Sequoia, will be on the lookout for healthy amphibian populations this summer."

UCLA Biologist David Bradford mourns the "anecdotal" nature of much of what is now known. Last summer, Bradford found frogs in only one of 46 Sequoia NP ponds where he had studied them in the 1970s.

From David Manski, at Cape Cod NS, comes word of a new USFS publication of possible interest to **Park Science** readers. ***Management of Amphibians, Reptiles, and Small Mammals in North America*** is the Proceedings of a July 1988 symposium held in Flagstaff, AZ. The 450+ paged document ranges from the overarching general (Historical Perspective and Objectives, and The Need for an Environmental Attitude) to the extremely specific (e.g. The Herpetofaunal Community of Temporary Ponds in North Florida Sandhills). Writes Manski: "I got my copy free from the USFS, Rocky Mountain Forest and Range Experiment Station, 240 W. Prospect St., Fort Collins, CO 80526-2098.