

AMPHIBIAN IDENTIFIER

FROGS AND TOADS OF ONTARIO



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American Toad

Bufo americanus

- 5.1 - 9 cm; record 11.1 cm
- One or two "warts" per dark spot on body
- White belly covered in dark spots
- Males have a dark throat and are smaller than females
- Call - A long 20-40 second high pitched trill



Fowler's Toad

Bufo fowleri

- 5.1 - 7.5 cm; record 9.5 cm
 - Usually three or more "warts" per dark spot on body
 - White belly not covered in dark spots
 - Only found on the northern shore of Lake Erie
 - Call - An extended nasal "Waaa...Waaa"
- THREATENED (COSEWIC); THREATENED (OMNR)



Leopard Frog

Rana pipiens

- 5.1 - 9 cm; record 11.1 cm
- Green to brown
- Dorsolateral ridge extends length of back
- Dark brown or black roundish spots, outlined in yellow, scattered on back and side
- Call - Chuckling sound similar to sound made by rubbing a wet balloon

Wood Frog

Rana sylvatica

- 3.5 - 7 cm; record 8.3 cm
- Brown to tan
- Triangular black face mask on each side of head
- White line along the upper jaw
- Usually found in woodlands
- Call - Rolling quacking sound similar to that made by a duck



Northern Cricket Frog

Acris crepitans

- 1.6 - 3.5 cm
 - Dark triangular shaped mark between the eyes
 - Red to brown with brown or black blotches
 - Horizontal stripes on the hind legs
 - Only found on Pelee Island, Lake Erie
 - Call - like two stones being tapped together
- ENDANGERED (COSEWIC)



Spring Peeper

Pseudacris crucifer

- 1.9 - 3.2 cm; record 3.7 cm
- Brown to tan
- Dark band between the eyes
- Dark cross-shaped mark on the back
- Small toe disks
- Call - A loud, short "peep...peep..."



Gray Treefrog

Hyla versicolor

- 3.2 - 5.1 cm; record 6 cm
- Light green to grey with a squarish white spot below the eye
- Inner thigh bright orange or yellow
- Large, expanded toe disks
- Call - Short high-pitched bird-like trill



Bullfrog

Rana catesbeiana

- 9 - 15.2 cm; record 20.3 cm
- Dorsolateral ridge not present
- Green, olive or brown
- Fold of skin extends from eye around the eardrum to shoulder
- Ontario's largest frog
- Male has bright yellow throat and eardrum twice the size of the eye
- Call - Deep bass call sounds like "Jug-O-Rum...Jug-O-Rum"

Green Frog

Rana clamitans

- 5.7 - 9 cm; record 10.8 cm
- Dorsolateral ridge extends length of back
- Greenish
- Bright green upper lip
- Dark bands on hind legs
- Male has a yellow throat and eardrum twice the size of the eye
- Call - Barking that sounds like plucking of a banjo string



Pickereel Frog

Rana palustris



- 4.4 - 7.5 cm; record 8.7 cm
- Cream to brown
- Dorsolateral ridge extends length of back
- Two rows of dark squarish spots on back between dorsolateral folds
- Similar spots on sides
- Groin area bright yellow to orange
- Call - A long drawn out nasal snore



Mink Frog

Rana septentrionalis

- 4.8 - 7 cm; record 7.6 cm
- Dorsolateral ridge does not extend the length of back
- Olive to green back with a few scattered roundish dark spots
- Bright green above the mouth
- Musky odor when handled
- No cross bands on legs
- Call - Sounds like galloping horses or someone hammering in the distance

Western Chorus Frog

Pseudacris triseriata

- 1.9 - 3.9 cm
- Light brown with three dark, sometimes broken stripes down back
- White line along upper lip
- Dark stripe along side of body from tip of snout to groin
- Found in Central and Southern Ontario
- Now recognized as a separate species from Boreal Chorus Frog
- Call - Sound of fingers running along teeth of a comb



Boreal Chorus Frog

Pseudacris maculata

- 1.9 - 3.7 cm; record 3.8 cm
- Similar in appearance to Western Chorus frog
- Only found north and west of Lake Superior to the Manitoba border
- Now recognized as a separate species from Western Chorus Frog
- Call - Same as Western Chorus Frog



Illustrations half of actual size