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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



- 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..."



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Bullfrog Rana catesbeiana

- 9 15.2 cm: record 20.3 cm
- Dorsolateral ridge not present
- . Green, olive or brown
- · Fold of skin extends from eve 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

Pickerel 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

Gray Treefrog

- 3.2 5.1 cm; record 6 cm
- . Light green to grey with a
- Inner thigh bright orange or yellow
 - - bird-like trill

Western Chorus Frog Pseudacris triseriata



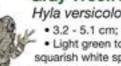


- · Light brown with three dark, sometimes broken stripes down back
- · White line along upper lip
- . Dark stripe along side of body from tip of snout to groin
- Found in Central and Southern Ontario
- · Now recognized as a separate species from Boreal Chorus Frog
- · Call Sound of fingers running along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

Boreal Chorus Frog Pseudacris maculata

- 1.9 3.7 cm; record 3.8 cm
- · Similar in appearance to Western Chorus
- . 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





 Large, expanded toe disks · Call - Short high-pitched

Illustrations half of actual size





