

FrogFind Activity Sheet

Colour in each species of frog and toad that can be found in or around Junction Creek!



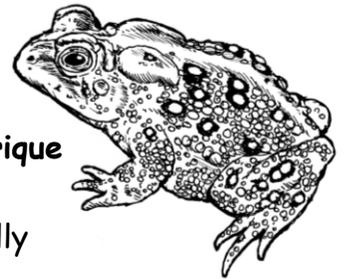
Gray Treefrog / Rainette versicolore
Hyla versicolor

- usually greyish, but can change colours to camouflage
- large toe discs help them climb easily (can even climb windows!)
- call is a short trill that sounds like a bird



Wood Frog / Grenouille des Bois
Lithobates sylvaticus

- light brown with black "mask"
- actually freeze solid in the winter to hibernate above the frost line
- call is like a Wood duck



American Toad / Crapaud d'Amérique
Anaxyrus americanus americanus

- light to dark brown with white belly
- warts on back
- paratoid (poison) glands behind eyes
- myth: you cannot get warts from a toad!
- call is a long, steady trill

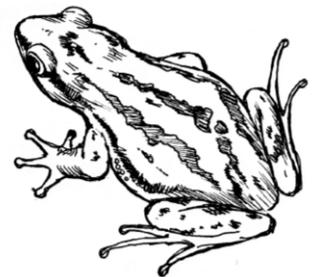
Spring Peeper / Rainette crucifère
Pseudacris crucifer

- very small, even when fully grown
- light brown with a dark "X" on the back and triangle between the eyes
- small toe discs help them climb grasses and shrubs
- call is a short, high-pitched PEEP



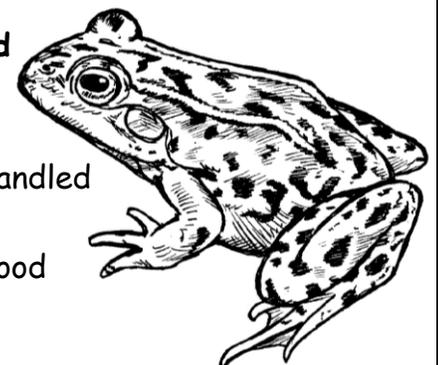
Western Chorus Frog / Rainette faux-grillon de l'Ouest
Pseudacris triseriata

- darkish green to brown
- lines on back sometimes broken
- dark strips along side of body from nose to rear
- call is like a fingernail running over the teeth of a comb



Mink Frog / Grenouille au Nord
Lithobates septentrionalis

- olive green with dark blotches
- smell like rotten onions when handled
- call is like a horse galloping, or someone hammering nails into wood



What's the difference?

<u>Frogs</u>	vs.	<u>Toads</u>
Smooth skin		Bumpy skin
Long jumps		Short hops
Live closer to water		Live further from water



Pickerel Frog / Grenouille de marais

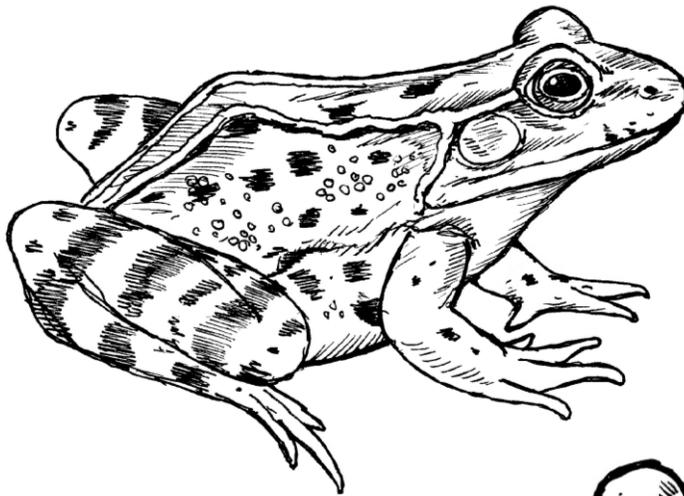
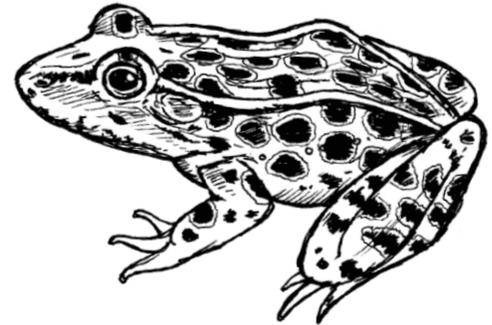
Lithobates palustris

- light to dark brown with large, square spots
- two rows of spots between ridges on the centre of the back
- call is like someone snoring

Northern Leopard Frog / Grenouille léopard du Nord

Lithobates pipiens

- bright green to brown with big, dark, round spots
- call is like wet hands rubbing a balloon



Green Frog / Grenouille verte

Lithobates clamitans melanota

- usually green, sometimes brownish
- stripes on legs align when seated
- often mistaken for a Bullfrog
- call is like plucking a rubber band

Bullfrog / Ouaouaron

Lithobates catesbeianus

- light to dark green
- no skin fold along back
- largest frog in Canada
- voracious predators - they will eat anything small enough to fit in their mouths!
- call is like saying "Jug O' Rum, Jug O' Rum"



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