

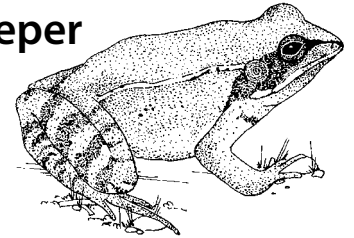
Wisconsin is home to 11 different kinds of frogs (species) and one species of toad.

- American **Toad**
- Blanchard's **Cricket Frog**
- Chorus** Frog
- Northern Spring **Peeper**
- Cope's **Gray** Treefrog
- Eastern Gray Treefrog
- Bullfrog**
- Green** Frog
- Pickerel** Frog
- Northern **Leopard** Frog
- Mink** Frog
- Wood** Frog

Look for the **bold** words in the word find puzzle.

Common Name: Northern Spring Peeper
Scientific Name: *Pseudacris crucifer*

Common Name: Wood Frog
Scientific Name: *Rana sylvatica*



The wood frog and spring peeper are easy to identify by song and by sight. They are the earliest singers each spring, and sometimes they will sing when there is still ice on the pond.

The spring peeper is a tiny frog. It can grow to about an inch long. The peepers are usually a tan to tannish-orange color with a big letter X on their backs. Spring peepers are tree frogs with tiny suction cup-like toes that can help them climb up into the grasses and cattails around the marsh or pond. The peepers get their name from the loud, high-pitch noise they make. If you go by a pond where lots of peepers are singing, it sounds like sleigh bells ringing.

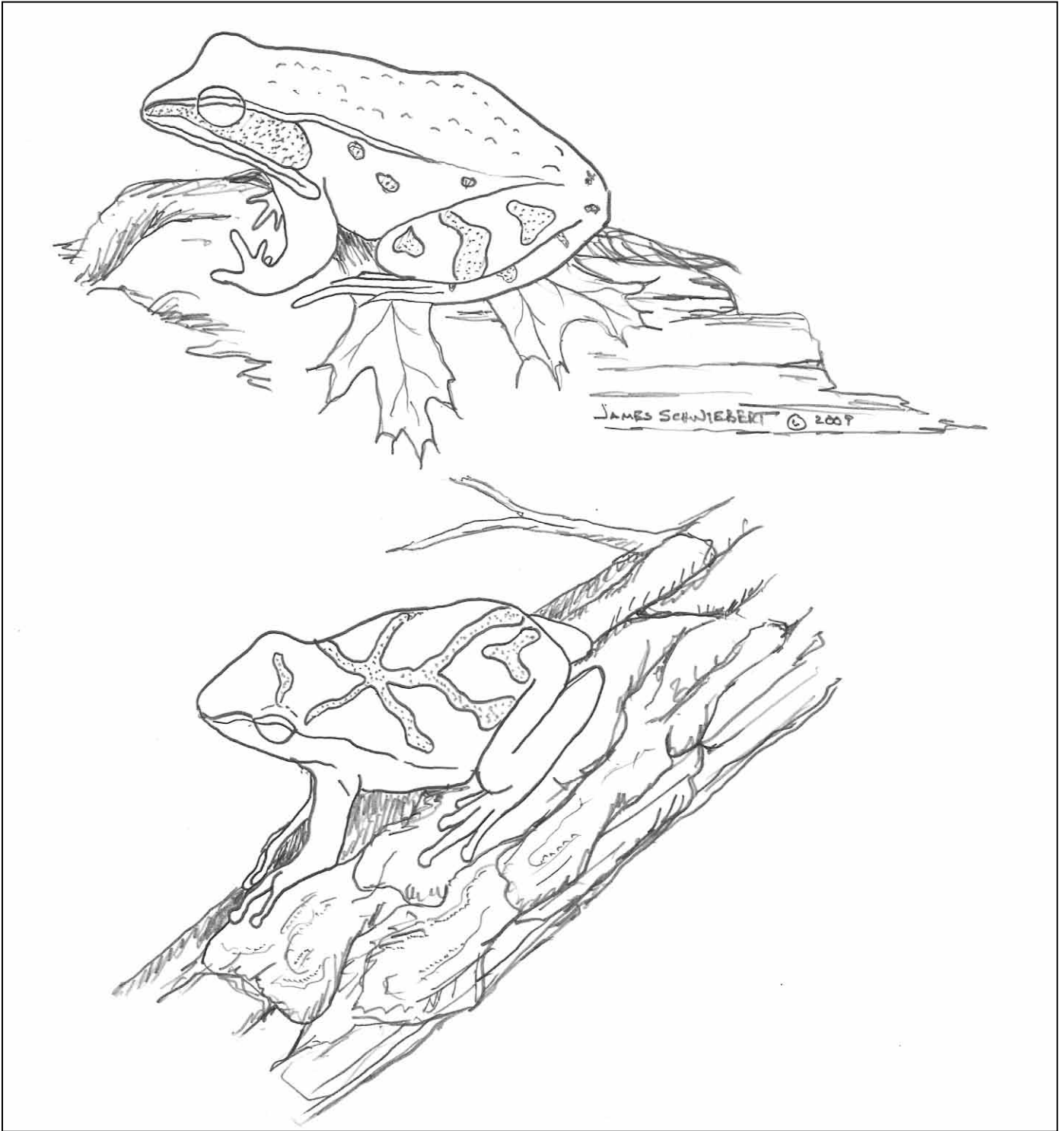
The wood frog is bigger than the peeper, getting to be about 2 ½ inches long. The wood frog is a tan to brown frog with a dark mask around its eyes. The wood frog's song sounds like a duck when it's feeding; some people call it chuckling. If you

say the words "lick it up" as fast as you can over and over, it can sound like a wood frog singing.

These two frogs are extra cool because they can freeze in the winter. They replace the water in their body with liquid that won't freeze solid and damage their body parts. This is why they can be out singing so early in the spring.

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Color the Frogs



Color Guide

The Wood Frog (top)

Dark brown – patch around eye
and leg stripes
Gold – eye
Tan – back
Off-white – sides

The Spring Peeper

Tanish-orange – body
Grey-brown markings on the back
Gold - eye