

# Illinois Anura found South of Illinois Route 64, USA

## Common Frogs and Toads of the Southern Illinois Region

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**1 Bufo americanus: American toad**  
1-2 large warts in each dark spot; call: Prolonged trill. Skin color variable.



**2 Bufo fowleri: Fowler's toad**  
3+ small warts in each dark spot; call: bleat like sheep.



**3 Acris crepitans: Cricket frog**  
Warty skin; dark triangle between eyes; call: sounds like marbles hitting together.



**4 Hyla avivoca: Bird-voiced treefrog**  
Smooth skin; light spot under each eye; call: short, bird-like whistles.



**5 Hyla cinerea: Green treefrog**  
White or pale yellow stripe from upper lip to groin; call: series of 2-syllable metallic honks.



**6 Hyla versicolor: Gray treefrog**  
Visually identical to Cope's; large toe pads; orange/golden yellow patches in groin & inner thigh. (continued→)



**7 Hyla crysolaelis: Cope's gray Treefrog:** You may tell Gray and Cope's apart by call: Gray has slower trill, Cope's has faster trill.



**8 Pseudacris crucifer: Spring peeper**  
Dark "X" on back; enlarged toe pads; call: high-pitched whistle "PEEP-er."



**9 Pseudacris feriarum: Upland chorus frog:** 3 thin, dark stripes, often broken into spots down the back. White stripe on upper jaw; call: sounds like fingernail on teeth of comb.



**10 Pseudacris illinoensis: Illinois chorus frog:** 3 dark lines down back, broken into bigger spots than Upland chorus frog, dark stripe through eye; call: sounds like squeaky wheel.



**11 Pseudacris triseriata: Western chorus frog:** 3 thin, dark stripes on back; white stripe on upper jaw; call: sounds like fingernail on teeth of comb.



**12 Gastrophryne carolinensis: Eastern narrow-mouth toad:** narrow, pointed head; fold of skin across top of head; no visible tympanum; call: High-pitched buzz.



**13 Scaphiopus holbrookii: Eastern spadefoot:** Vertical pupil; large, black digging spade under heel of each hind foot; call: Groans, like a young cow.



**14 Rana areolata: Crawfish frog**  
Mottled upper jaws; humped lower back; dark spots crowded together; call: deep snore.



**15 Rana catesbeiana: American bullfrog**  
Toes webbed to tips on back feet; dorsolateral fold around tympanum only; call: deep bass croaks.



**16 Rana clamitans: Green frog**  
Toes webbed 1/2 way to tips; dorsolateral fold reaches 1/2 way down back; call: 1-3 banjo twangs.



**17 Rana palustris: Pickerel Frog**  
2 rows of dark rectangular marks down back; flash of yellow under thighs; call: Low snoring.



**18 Rana sphenoccephala: Southern leopard frog:** long, pointed head; dark spots on back rounded; call: throaty croaks, chuckles, and groans.



**19 Rana sylvatica: Wood frog**  
Dark mask behind eye; dorsolateral folds reach hip; call: quiet quacking