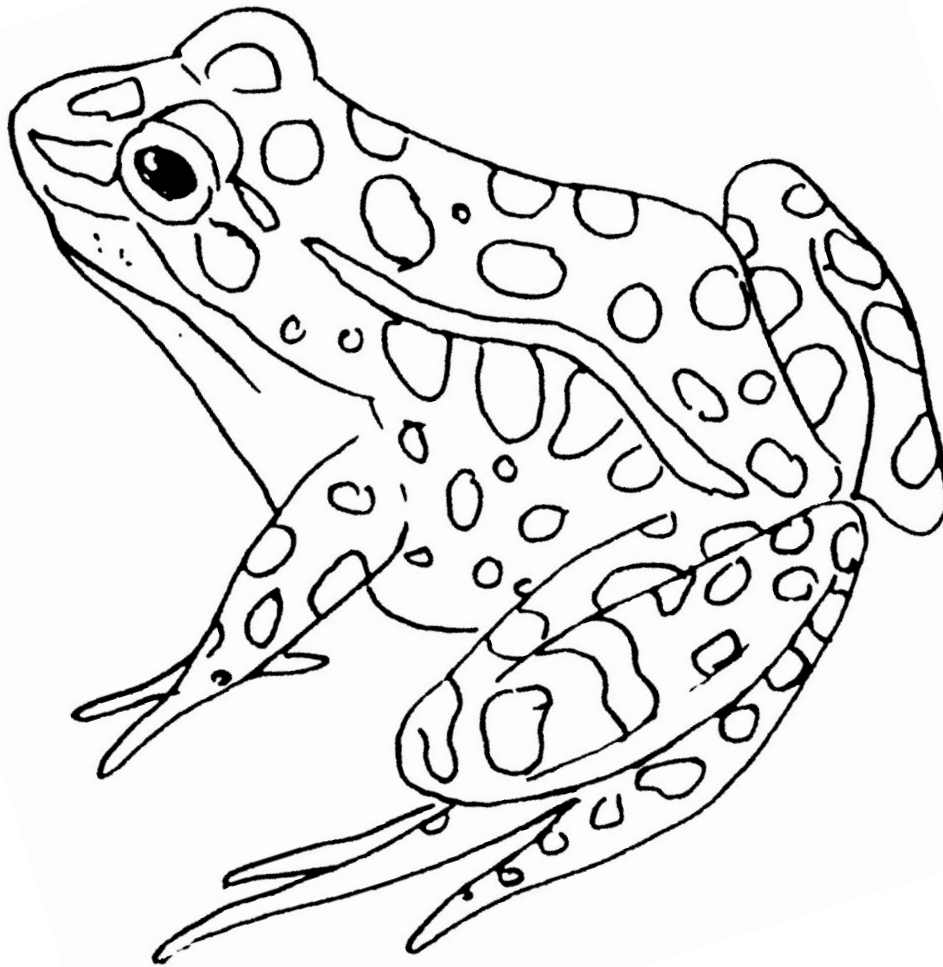




PA's Amphibian and Reptile Coloring Series

## Northern Leopard Frog



All About Me: Hello! I am a Northern Leopard Frog. We are nocturnal and hide during most of the day. We come out at twilight to fill the night air with our songs or to forage for meals. We have the honor of being the longest jumpers of PA's frogs. We can grow to lengths of two to four inches. We have slender bodies with mostly smooth skin. Our heads are wide and end in a blunt snout. We look like pickerel frogs; however, they are usually tan, while we are either brown or green. Our dark spots are round, not square like pickerel frog's spots. Our spots appear in two or three rows on our backs. Our spots are black or brown and edged with a light color that look like halos. Our wide dorsolateral (back) ridges are creamy or bronze. Dark spots also appear on our sides. Our bellies and throats are white. Each of our legs are marked with dark bars. The under sides of our legs are white. We occupy most of PA; except for the Poconos in the northeast; a corner in the southeast; and the extreme northcentral part of the state in the Allegheny Mountains. In summer, we wander far from water to go in moist meadows and fields. We really enjoy damp grasslands, but marshes and small ponds also homes for us. Both our males and females can be heard calling. We sing early in the spring, usually from the shallows of a pond or in a marsh. Our song is a low guttural, echo-like sound, lasting for about three seconds and ends in a clucking grunt. We eat insects, spiders, worms, and snails.