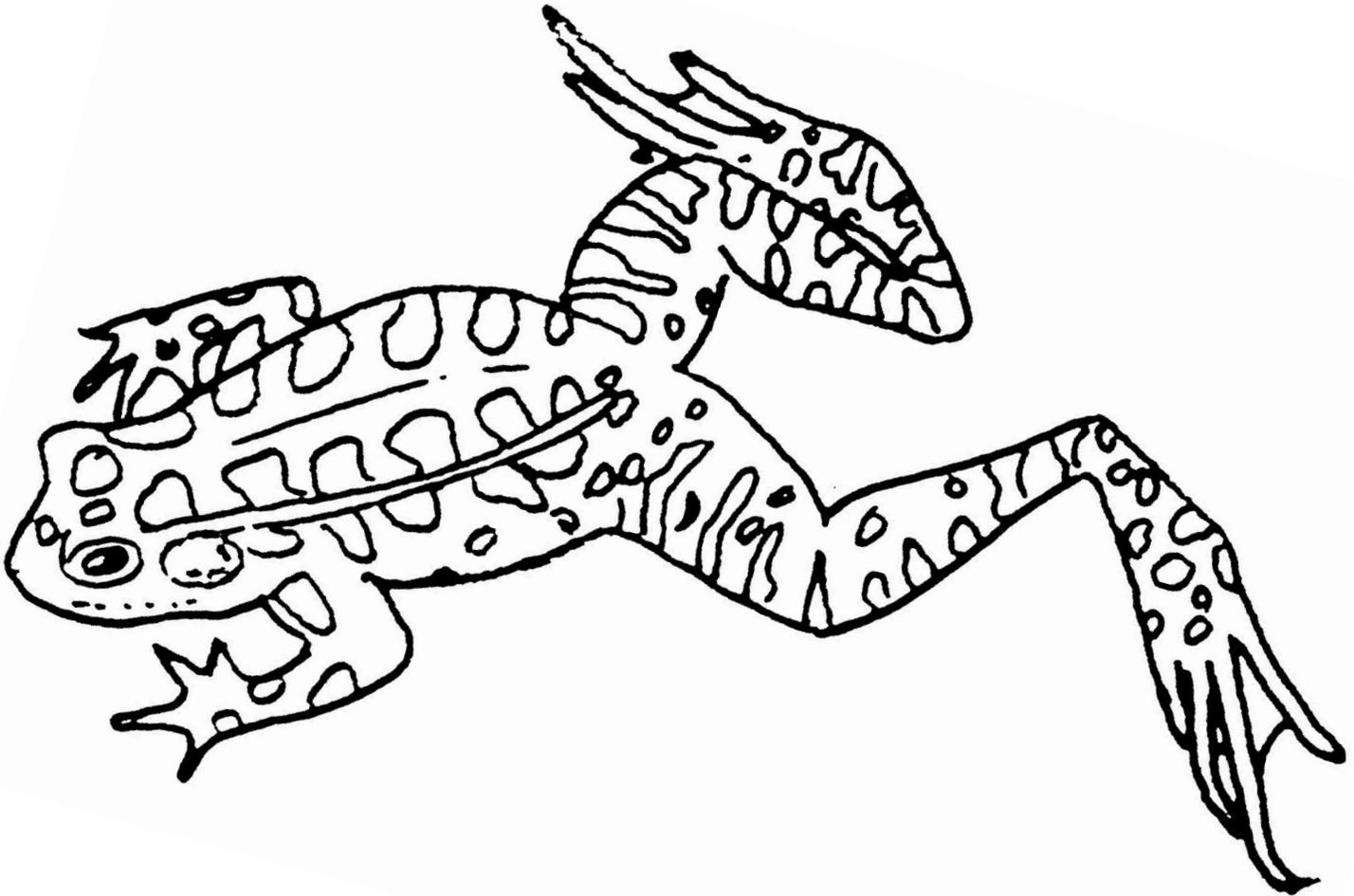




PA's Amphibian and Reptile Coloring Series

Pickereel Frog



All About Me: Howdy! I'm a Pickereel Frog. We average from one and a half to three inches long. Our skin is smooth with a metallic look. We are spotted frogs, like leopard frogs, but with different markings. Our base color is tan, light gray to light brown. We have two rows of square spots down our backs, but leopard frogs have round spots that are not in rows. The rows of spots are black, dark brown, or red brown in color. Small, square spots also appear on our sides. Our belly is white up front and yellow toward the rear. Dark bars mark our back legs and help us to look different from leopard frogs. We spend more of our time out of the water than in it. We are at home in marshes, along streams, and around cool springs. In summer, we move into grassy fields or meadows, seeking out damp areas with low plants. We also live in grassy areas along streams and woodland ponds. We hibernate from October until March. Only male pickereel frogs call. Sometimes, we call underwater and it sounds like a snore. At other times, the calling is done at egg-laying sites with a full chorus of other pickereel frogs emitting a slow, low, steady croak of one to two seconds duration out of our two vocal sacs. We eat caterpillars, insects, crayfish and spiders. We are found in all of Pennsylvania's counties.