

Frogs and Toads of Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania's Frogs and Toads Checklist

A complete list of Pennsylvania's **16** frogs and toads.

- Bullfrog
- Eastern American Toad
- Eastern Gray Treefrog
- Eastern Spadefoot
(endangered species)
- Fowler's Toad
- Mountain Chorus Frog
- New Jersey Chorus Frog
(endangered species)
- Northern Cricket Frog
(endangered species)
- Northern Green Frog
- Northern Leopard Frog
- Pickerel Frog
- Southern Leopard Frog
(endangered species)
- Spring Peeper
- Upland Chorus Frog
- Western Chorus Frog
- Wood Frog

Did you know that frogs and toads can tell us how healthy our environment is? They are considered "environmental indicators." They depend on both aquatic and land habitats for some part of their life cycle. If just one of those habitats is lost or ruined, they cannot survive. They also have thin skin that easily absorbs pollution. This makes them

sensitive to changes in air or water quality. A sudden decline in frog and toad numbers can be a sign that something is going wrong in the environment.

Frog and toad populations are declining worldwide at a high rate. In Pennsylvania, 25 percent of our listing of frog and toad species are currently endangered.

LOOK Before You Leap

Have you ever found a frog or toad? It may be tempting to take it home with you, but it's best to leave it in the wild. It can be difficult to provide frogs and toads with what they need to survive. They have everything they need in their natural habitat.

There are also regulations on killing or taking frogs and toads. First, everyone 16 years of age and older must have a current Pennsylvania fishing license if the animal is taken from a body of water. Some species are protected, which means you cannot take or kill them. Most other species have a limit of one.



Upland
Chorus Frog

For a current list of protected species and details about regulations, visit the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission's website or look in the current *Pennsylvania Fishing Summary*.

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