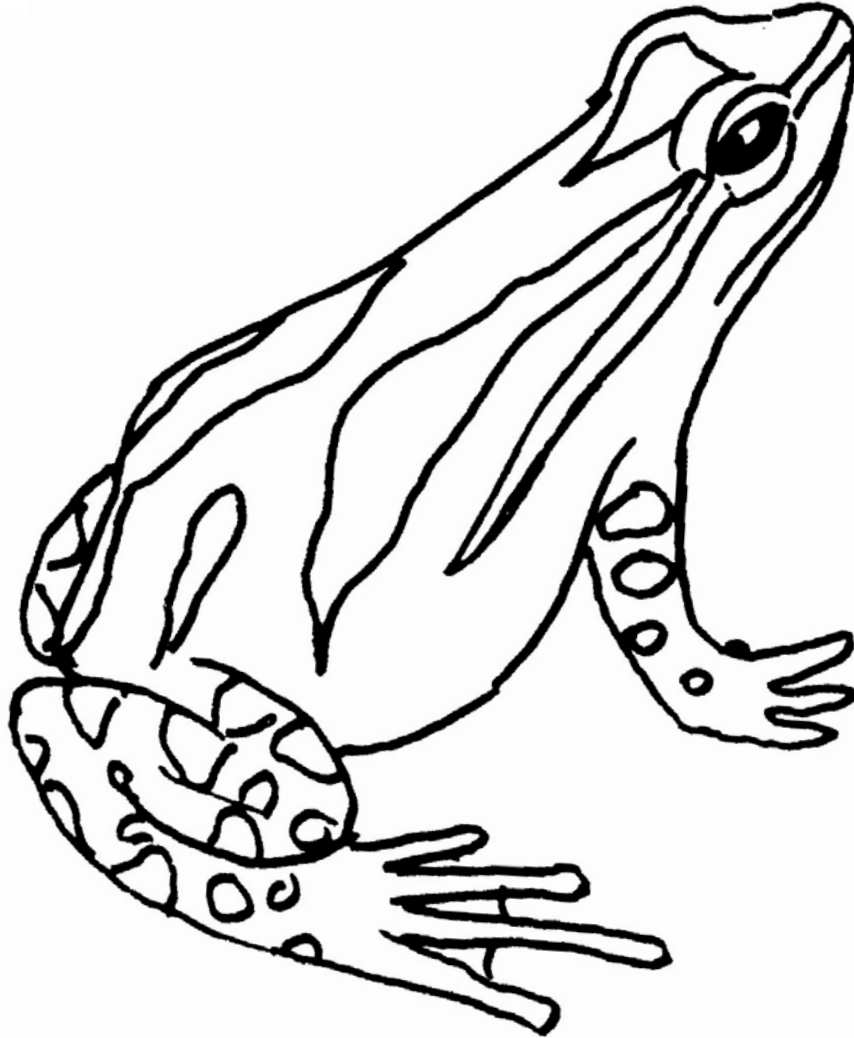




PA's Amphibian and Reptile Coloring Series

Mountain Chorus Frog



All About Me: Hi! I'm a Mountain Chorus Frog. We are nocturnal. We are often heard calling, but we are seldom seen. We leap better than we walk. We are only around one inch long. We are light brown to green with some overtones of gray. Our bellies and undersides of our legs are yellow. A key mark in identifying us is the pair of dark stripes on our backs. These stripes run lengthwise and curve inward and toward each other like crescents, and sometimes they touch each other to form an X. A dark, broad stripe crosses each eye, beginning near the tip of the snout and ending a short distance behind our eyes. The tops of our heads between our eyes are accented with a dark triangle. Our uppers are marked with a white line. Our toes are slightly webbed and have suction discs that are tiny and make it harder for us to climb compared to the other treefrogs. We are found in counties in southwestern PA. We prefer mountainous forests where small brooks and creeks bubble down the slopes; however, we may travel far from water. We begin our song during the first warm rains of spring. We are among the first frogs to call, and we sing day and night. We call while concealed among leaf litter along a water's edge. Our call is a high-pitched, raspy squeak, performed in a rapid series. We hunt on or near the ground for insects.