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# Who's Calling?

## Frog Species on Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge

Starting in the early spring, frogs and toads can be heard making a lot of noise in ponds, streams, and other wet areas. You can identify which frogs are out by learning their calls. This is a simple guide with some of the most common species found on the refuge.

#### **Chorus Frog**

- Small, but very loud when calling.
- Usually the first call promising spring, can start as early as january.
- Call resembles somone running a finger along a comb.



#### **Northern Cricket Frog**

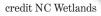
- Small and commonly have a dark triangle between their eyes.
- Can be heard startign in April.
- Sound is as if a bag of marbles is being clicked together.

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#### **Southern Leopard Frog**

- Can vary in color in shades of brown, tan, and bright green, but will have a white dot in the center of their eardrum.
- Call is a mixture of laughing and a slow zipper.





#### **Spring Peeper**

- Tan to brownish with an "X" on its back.
- Can be heard almost year-round during mild winters.
- Call is a loud, clear peep.

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#### **Green Treefrog**

- Well-named for their birght green color, but can change color.
- Heard May through August.
- Call is a loud, nasal, quank that is repeated.





#### **Green Frog**

- Not typically green as the name implies.
- Typically start calling in late April.
- Call mimmics a single banjo string.

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#### **American Bullfrog**

- Largest frog in Kentucky, and found in every county.
- Can be heard from April through September.
- Call is a deep bass note.



#### **Northern Crawfish Froq**

- Unique frog found in the western areas of Kentucky.
- Call is a deep, loud snore.

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