







Pop Music Guide to Frog ID

Species	Picture	Voice Sounds Like	Vocal Class	Description of call	Time of year usually found	Size	Rare in Chicago?
Spring Peeper		Bjork, Mariah Carey, Celine Dion	Soprano	Distinctive high "peep" or "peeper." Terrestrial call is a trill that can be easily confused with Western Chorus frog call	March to June	1-1.5 inches	Rare
Western Chorus Frog		Aretha Franklin, Madonna, Rhianna	Alto	High Chirping, long pre-e-e-p, sound made when rubbing finger on teeth of comb	March to June	3/4-1.5 inch	Common
American Toad		Aretha Franklin, Madonna, Rhianna	Alto	high whirring, like a UFO, prolonged musical trill, gurgling terrestrial call	April to June	2-3.5	Common
Eastern Gray Treefrog		Aretha Franklin, Madonna, Rhianna	Alto	Slow musical trill with 1-2 pattern. Rises on 2nd note. may be confused with Eastern Gray Tree Frog or Red Bellied Woodpecker	April to Late June	1.5-2 inches	Uncommon
Cope's Gray Treefrog		Cher, Billie Holiday, T-Boz (TLC)	Contralto	Buzz or trill with 1-2-3 pattern. Two first notes are same then rising on the third, may be confused with Eastern Gray Tree Frog or Red Bellied Woodpecker. Call is faster and harsher than Eastern.	April to Late June	1.5-2 inches	Rare
Plains Leopard Frog		Elton John, Usher, Bob Marley	Tenor	Kissing, Chuckle with distinct cadence "Churk-churk-churk"	April to June	2-4.5 inches	Rare

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Fowler's Toad		Elton John, Usher, Bob Marley	Tenor	High gritty whir, pathetic bleat, slow Wahh, like a sheep caught in a trap or Usher yelling like a frog	Late April to June	2-3 inches	Rare
Wood Frog		David Bowie, Elvis, Jimi Hendrix	Baritone	Demonic chuckle or gurgle, two note quack or "bur-tick," Chorus sounds like disorganized clatter	Late Feb to Early April	2-3 inches	Rare
Green Frog		David Bowie, Elvis, Jimi Hendrix	Baritone	Sounds like they're being stepped on, pluck of a loose banjo string, series of gulps.	April to July	3-5 inches	Common
Cricket Frog		David Bowie, Elvis, Jimi Hendrix	Baritone	Sounds like a cricket, constant Chick-chick, series of ticks that speed up in the middle	late April to July	3/4-1.5 inch	Uncommon
Northern Leopard Frog		Barry White, Isaac Hayes	Bass	Low growl or snore, sometimes includes a coarse chuckle	April to June	4 Inches	Common, but population decline
Pickerel Frog		Barry White, Isaac Hayes	Bass	Low, harsh snore with a rise toward the end that sounds like "yeeow" or "meeow"	April to May	2-3 inches	Rare, Possibly Extirpated
Bullfrog		Barry White, Isaac Hayes	Bass	Distinctive low, slow "vrum-vrum-vrum"	May to July	3.5-6 inches	Common