

Bullfrog

Bullfrog (*Rana catesbeiana*) - Pl.34

Identification: 3 1/2" - 8". The Bullfrog is, by far, the largest frog in New Jersey. The ground color is green, dappled with gray or brown. The underside is usually whitish; the male may have a yellow throat. The male's tympanum (eardrum) is larger than the eye; the female's is the same size as the eye or smaller. It has no dorsolateral ridges; instead, a ridge runs from the eye past the eardrum then drops down to the shoulder.

Where to find them: May inhabit any permanent body of freshwater. It is usually found in the vegetation at the water's edge.

When to find them: Breeds late April through July.

Voice: Bellowing *jug-o-rum*.

Range: Entire state, but absent from the acidic waters of the core Pinelands.

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Key Features

- **The largest of New Jersey's frogs.**
- **Lacks dorsolateral ridges (compare with green frog Pl. 35).**
- **Ridge runs from the eye, past the eardrum, and down to shoulder (rather than down the back).**



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