

Green Frog

Green Frog (*Rana clamitans melanota*) - Pl. 35

Identification: 2 1/8" - 4". Despite the name, the ground color can range from green to brown; darker spots may be seen on the back. The belly is generally white, commonly with some spots under legs and head. The adult male has a bright yellow throat; the female has a white throat. The male's tympanum (eardrum) is larger than the eye; the female's is the same size as the eye or smaller. Dorsolateral ridges help distinguish the Green Frog from the Bullfrog: in the Green Frog, the ridges extend down the body, ending before the groin, while in the Bullfrog these ridges are absent.

Where to find them: May be found in any body of freshwater, but are most commonly observed in permanent bodies of water.

When to find them: Breeds April through August.

Voice: A twang like a banjo string or a plucked rubber band. If repeated, subsequent calls are quieter. Young Green Frogs issue an alarm call when frightened—a high-pitched peep—as they jump into the water.

Range: Entire state.

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Key Features

- Ground color is green to brown.
- Dorsolateral ridges are present.
- Belly white.



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