New Jersey Chorus Frog

Identification: 3/4” - 1 1/2”. The ground color of the *kalmi* subspecies of Western Chorus Frog ranges from gray to brown to olive. There is always a light stripe on the upper lip and a dark stripe through the eye that runs down the flank to the groin. Like the Upland Chorus Frog, a dark triangle may be present between the eyes. In addition, three thick dark stripes running down the back are usually present; the middle stripe commonly forms a Y towards the rear. The markings on the back are usually darker and thicker than those of the Upland Chorus Frog. The belly is white and usually very plain, with only some individuals having a few dark spots.

Where to find them: Found in a variety of habitats. Breeds in swamps and vernal pools; regularly found in ditches in the Southern Region.

When to find them: Breeds from February to June.

Voice: Regularly repeated creaking sound, like someone running their nails over the teeth of a comb.

Range: All of Southern Region. This species in not common in the core Pinelands.