

# BOREAL CHORUS FROG

A common frog in Wyoming is the Boreal Chorus Frog. It is also the smallest frog in Wyoming. This species typically has three sets of stripes (sometimes broken into spots) that extend down its grey, green or brown back. Unlike all other frogs in Wyoming, in the tadpole stage, the eyes of this species stick out to the sides beyond the profile its body. It also has very little webbing between its toes and has small pads on the ends of its toes. This frog is common in the Bridger Valley. Where have you seen or heard this frog?



You can hear the call of the Boreal Chorus Frog by following this link:

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# NORTHERN LEOPARD FROG

Another frog found in Wyoming is the Northern Leopard Frog. This species is common in the Bear River and the ponds around Evanston. The Northern Leopard Frog can be bright green to olive brown with large dark spots. The outer edges of the spots are a lighter color, mimicking the look of leopard spots. This species also has prominent pale colored dorsolateral folds of skin extending down its back. Where have you seen or heard this frog?



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# Other cool FROG FACTS

- ◆ Frogs are **amphibians**.
- ◆ There are over **6000 species** of frogs worldwide.
- ◆ A group of frogs is called an **army**.
- ◆ Frogs were the first land animals with vocal cords.<sup>1</sup>
- ◆ Almost all frogs fertilize the eggs outside of the female's body.<sup>1</sup>
- ◆ Launched by their long legs, many frogs can leap more than 20 times their body length.<sup>1</sup>
- ◆ A frog completely sheds—and usually eats—its skin about once a week.<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ When a frog swallows its prey, it blinks, which pushes its eyeballs down on top of the mouth to help push the food down its throat.<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ Most frogs have teeth, although usually only on their upper jaw. The teeth are used to hold prey in place until the frog can swallow it.<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ The wood frog of North America is found in some parts of Wyoming and is very unique in its ability to hibernate as an ice cube. During the cold winter, this frog species' muscle movement, heartbeat, and breathing completely stop. An antifreeze substance is produced within the cells to keep them from freezing as ice forms between the cells. After a long winter freeze, this species is able to revitalize in the spring unharmed.
- ◆ April is National Frog Month.

## References:

1. <https://www.amnh.org/exhibitions/frogs-a-chorus-of-colors/frog-fun-facts>
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