

Upland Chorus Frog

Upland Chorus Frog (*Pseudacris triseriata feriarum*) - Pl.33

Identification: 3/4" - 1 1/2". The ground color of the *feriarum* subspecies of Western Chorus Frog varies from brown to gray. Key characteristics are a light stripe on the upper lip and a dark stripe through the eye that runs down the flank to the groin. In addition, three thin dark stripes or rows of small spots down the back are usually present, but this feature is variable. There is usually a dark triangle between the eyes, but it may be faint. There are usually dark flecks on the otherwise cream-colored breast. Toe discs are small.

Where to find them: Variety of habitats. Breeds in swamps and vernal pools.

When to find them: Breeds from February to May.

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

Range: Northern Region: Sussex, Warren, Hunterdon, Morris, northwestern Bergen, and western Somerset and Passaic Counties.

Note: The Upland Chorus Frog and New Jersey Chorus Frog are currently considered to be subspecies of the Western Chorus Frog (*Pseudacris triseriata*). They are best distinguished from each other by the region of the state in which they are found, and by the thickness and continuity of the three stripes on the back.

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Key Features

- Brown or gray in color.
- Dark stripe runs from snout to groin through eye.
- Three dark stripes present down back.
- Dark Triangle may be present between eyes.



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