

# FROGS OF LES CHENEAUX

There are six species of frogs found in the Cedarville and Hessel areas.



**Spring Peeper** This member of the tree frog family is a small frog with large toe pads for clinging to plants. It lives in damp woodlands, swamps, and marshes. The spring peeper is the most commonly heard frog in the islands. Its song, heard from April to June, is a high, ascending “peep” repeated every few seconds. Large choruses can be so loud they can cause ringing in your ears for up to an hour.



**American Toad** This tubby frog has warty (not contagious!) skin. The glands behind its head are mildly toxic, making it an unpopular prey item to local wildlife. It lives in a variety of moist habitats and shallow waters. This is the only species of toad known to sing in this area. Its long musical trill can be heard from April through June on warm, moist nights.



**Chorus Frog** This tiny, brownish frog lives in or near temporary bodies of water. Its song is a raspy “cree-ee-k,” which sounds like a fingernail running across the teeth of a comb.



**Wood Frog** A member of the pond frog family, the wood frog lives in woodlands and wooded swamps. Its song is a short, squeaky chuckle, which sounds like ducks quacking in the distance and can be heard in April and May.



**Gray Tree Frog** This small frog is the chameleon of the frog world! Its color can be gray, green, or brown, depending on what it is sitting on and how cold the weather is. This tree frog lives in ponds or swamps which have trees and shrubs nearby. Its song is a melodious bird-like musical trill, lasting a few seconds, and heard in May and June.



**Green Frog** This member of the pond family is the largest frog that sings in this area. The green frog lives in permanent ponds, lakes and marshes. Its song is a throaty “gunk” like the plunk of a banjo and is heard from May through June.