



Come and see!

You'll hear, and maybe see, frogs and toads near our Shade Garden pond all through the spring and summer. Of course, they have the most to say after dusk, so come by and take a front row seat in our gazebo, then relax and listen to their performance.

See if you can pick out the distinct sounds that differentiate each species.

Sounds like Spring

Did you know?

- Frogs are amphibians, which means "dual life". The young undergo a metamorphosis from eggs to tadpoles, which must live in the water, to adults which can live on the ground.
- Frogs leap and have moist, often smooth skin.
- Toads hop and have dry, warty skin.
- Both are meat eaters with a diet that includes bugs, worms, eggs and the babies of snakes, birds and fish.
- Frogs and toads have been around for 360 million years!

Play "Name that Sound" with your friends and family.

Cut out the pictures below and mix them up face down on a table. Each player takes a turn picking one up and making its sound. The first player to guess the frog correctly gets to go next!

Photos below from Ohio Department of Natural Resources

<p>Northern Leopard Frog</p>  <p>Sounds like snoring.</p>	<p>Wood Frog</p>  <p>Sounds like a duck: Quack, quack, quack.</p>	<p>Gray Treefrog</p>  <p>Sounds like a short, ringing bell: Bring ...bring... bring.</p>
<p>Fowlers Toad</p>  <p>Sounds like a bleating sheep: Baaaa ... baaaa ...baaaa.</p>	<p>Green Frog</p>  <p>Sounds like a loose banjo string: Boing ...boing ... boing.</p>	<p>Bullfrog</p>  <p>Sounds like a deep rumble saying: Jug-o-rum!</p>