



Ephemeral Wetland Specialists

These Species Rely On: Shallow short lived wetlands that form from late winter through early spring rains. Places without fish, often in low depressions or flooded fields.



1 Wood Frog

Call: Soft, duck-like quacking

What it tells you: Intact forest canopy with undisturbed leaf litter and vernal pools - a strong indicator of unfragmented forested wetlands.

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2 Cajun Chorus Frog

Call: Trill, raking a plastic comb

What it tells you: Early successional or seasonally flooded areas with herbaceous cover - great sign of functioning floodplain or wet prairie.



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3 Spring Peeper

Call: Loud peep

What it tells you: Wetland habitat with nearby forests. Tolerant of moderate disturbances: can be found in agricultural edges and urban areas.



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Semi-permanent Wetland and Pond Breeders

These Species Rely On: Longer hydroperiods - water that persists through late spring or early summer, but still dries occasionally.



1 Crawfish Frog

Call: Loud, deep snoring hog

What it tells you: A true indicator of functioning tallgrass prairie - wetland mosaics.

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2 Fowler's toad

Call: A short whiny whaaat

What it tells you: Thrive in transitional zones between uplands and wetlands. Shows a connected upland habitat and moderate natural disturbance regimes.

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Upland or Tree Associated Species

These Species Rely On: Adjacent forests, trees, or moist uplands - vegetated wetlands, the surrounding terrestrial matrix is important. They highlight the importance of upland-wetland connectivity.

1 Grey Treefrog

Call: Pulsating trill

What it tells you: Presence of mature trees and vertical structure; adequate canopy cover and humidity. Need tree cavities and moist refuges.



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2 Green Treefrog

Call: Duck-like quack

What it tells you: Depend on emergent vegetation, moist corridors, functional connectivity between wetlands and nearby lowland habitat. Not a closed canopy.



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Permanent Water Specialists



These Species Rely On: Year-round ponds, lakes, or slow moving creeks - areas where fish are present and water levels stay high.



1 Bullfrog

Call: Deep "jug-o-rum"

What it tells you: Generalists - can survive in lower oxygen, nutrient enriched, or moderately polluted waters.

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2 Pickerel frog

Call: Low snore

What it tells you: Clear, cool, spring-fed or shaded streams. Indicator of unfragmented forested watersheds with cold, clean water - high quality streamside or seep habitats

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