

# Sonoran Desert Endangered Species Card Game



**Chiricahua Leopard Frog**  
*Rana chiricahuensis*

**Description:**

The Chiricahua leopard Frog has green-brown skin with many spots on its back, and pale yellow to white skin below.

**Habitat:**

Chiricahua leopard Frog is highly aquatic and can be found in rocky streams with deep rock-bound pools, ponds, earthen stock tanks, and permanent springs. Surrounding upland vegetation includes oak and mixed oak and pine woodlands, and ranges into areas of chaparral, grassland, and desert.

**Range:**

This species is found in the mountain regions of central and southeastern Arizona, southwestern New Mexico, and the southeastern mountains of Arizona and adjacent Sonora, Mexico. Elevational range is from 3,500 to 8,040 feet, and 1,219 to 4,023 feet at the Arizona/Mexico border.

**Reproduction:**

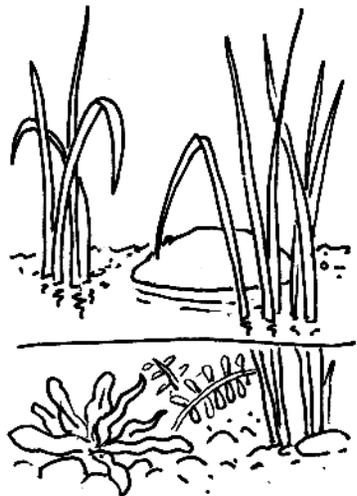
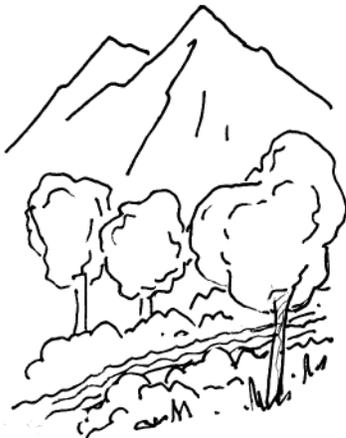
At low elevations, the frog breeds from mid-February through June, while at higher elevations breeding occurs from May till August.

**Diet:**

The Chiricahua leopard frog feeds on many insects and fresh-water shrimp. Tadpoles feed on algae and other minute organisms.

**Status:**

The Chiricahua leopard frog no longer exists in much of Pima County due to the destruction of habitat and introduced species such as the bullfrog. Chiricahua leopard frog has been found in the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge and Las Cienegas NCA, and the Santa Rita mountains. Protection of the remaining habitat is essential for the existence of the leopard frog in Pima County.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Shelter</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">aquatic vegetation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Habitat</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">ponds and rocky streams</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Range</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">riparian areas</p>