









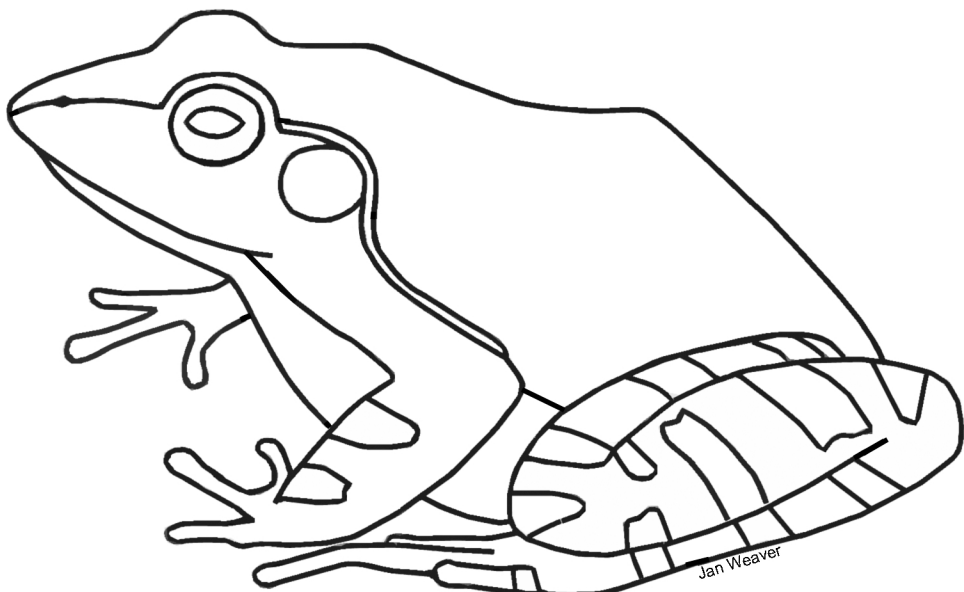













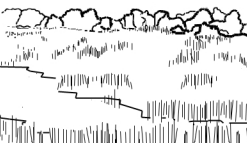
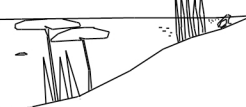


	January	<h1>American Bullfrog</h1> <h2>Rana catesbiana</h2>		<p>The Amphibians and Reptiles of Missouri by Tom R. Johnson, published by the Missouri Department of Conservation http://www.mdcnatureshop.com</p> <p>National Geographic Kid's Site - http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/animals/creaturefeature/american-bullfrog/</p>		
 	February	<p>Females lay up to 20,000 eggs in sheets in shallow water. They may do this once or twice each summer.</p>		<p>Coloring Guide olive green head, back & legs green lips, white below (males yellow in breeding season), eye black stripes, tadpoles gray with black spots above, white below</p>		
 	March	<p>Eggs hatch into tadpoles which feed on algae, bacteria, pollen and protozoa.</p>		<p>Tadpoles grow and develop into froglets which eventually lose their tails and turn into frogs.</p>		
 	April	<p>Both eggs and tadpoles are slightly acidic, which makes them taste bad to predators.</p>		<p>Size adult length: 90 mm (3.5") to 150 mm (6") adult weight: 500 g (1.1 lbs) tadpole length: 78 mm (3") to 120 mm (4.75") body to tail ratio = 1:1.5</p>		
 	May	<p>Growing from an egg to an adult can take one to four years depending on environmental conditions.</p>		<p>Human Connection Originally only in the U.S. and Canada, the bullfrog was imported into Mexico, S. America Europe and Asia for food. Now they prey on or compete with native species in these places.</p>		
 	June			<p>What eats Bullfrogs (adults) Bullfrogs are eaten by other bullfrogs, water snakes, herons, egrets, bitterns, raccoons, otters, skunks, coyotes and humans.</p>		
 	July					
 	August					
 	September					
 	October					
 	November	<p>Family Relations <i>Rana catesbiana</i> is in the Rana Genus (holarctic), Ranidae Family (smooth skinned), Anuran Order (tailless amphibian), Amphibian Class (lays eggs in water), Chordate Phylum (has a dorsal nerve cord), and Animal Kingdom (eats and moves).</p>	<p>North American Distribution</p>  <p>  winter  summer </p>	<p>Habitat (home/food/water) ponds, sloughs, marshes, swamps, rivers, big creeks, anyplace there is permanent water</p> 	<p>Home frogs and small tadpoles live in the shallows,</p> 	<p>What Bullfrogs eat (adults) Bullfrogs eat insects (moths dragonflies, beetles, caterpillars, etc.), spiders, amphibians, fish, birds, and small mammals, anything that fits in their mouths.</p>
 	December					