

Pine Barrens Treefrog

Pine Barrens Treefrog - *State Endangered Species* - PI.31
(*Hyla andersonii*)

Identification: 1 1/8" - 2". This vibrantly colored frog has a bright green ground color with a lavender stripe outlined in white running through the eye and along the side of the body. The inner surface of the thigh is orange.

Where to find them: This species appears to be restricted to the acidic waters of the New Jersey Pine Barrens. While these treefrogs prefer early successional and vernal pools, they are commonly found calling from shallow borrow pits, temporary streams, and the edges of permanent impoundments. Typically call from trees standing in or near water, but can also be found calling from within the water and on the ground adjacent to the water. Returns to a more terrestrial habitat after breeding.

When to find them: Can be found by the breeding calls in May, June, and July.

Voice: Repetitious honking.

Range: Burlington, Ocean, Atlantic, Camden, and Gloucester Counties in the Southern Region; primarily restricted to core Pine Barrens.

Conservation Status: Although Pine Barrens Treefrogs have a limited distribution in New Jersey, they are sometimes locally abundant in suitable habitats within their range. Large expanses of their required habitat have been protected within the Pinelands National Reserve, but threats of habitat loss and pollution of breeding ponds still exist.

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Key Features

- Bright green color.
- Lavender stripes, outlined in white, extend back from eyes.
- Concealed areas of legs are an orange color.



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