Amphibians of Cass and Clay Counties

Frogs and Toads

Boreal Chorus Frog (*Pseudacris maculata*)
**Description:** Dark line extends from the snout through the eye to the groin; can be green, brown, gray, or reddish; three to five dark stripes down their back that may be broken into spots
**Habitat:** Damp grassy/marshy areas, or damp forests near water
**Food:** Ants, spiders, flies, beetles, aphids, and other insects

Canadian Toad (*Anaxyrus hemiophrys*)
**Description:** A large dome behind its eyes; brown to green with darker brown, reddish, or black spots; underside light with dark flecks
**Habitats:** Wetter habitats; standing water and woodland edges
**Food:** Insects and worms

Cope’s Grey Treefrog (*Hyla chrysoscelis*)
**Description:** Large toe pads; mottled grey to light green; light spot beneath eye; inner thigh is bright yellow or orange
**Habitat:** Wooded habitats; spends days in tree holes or other secluded areas, and feeds at night
**Food:** Insects and small invertebrates

Great Plains Toad (*Anaxyrus cognatus*)
**Description:** Smaller parotoid glands; grey, brown, or greenish coloration; large blotches with white borders; blotches contain several small warts; chest is white with no speckles
**Habitat:** Damp areas in open grasslands and farm fields; digs burrows, back end first
**Food:** cutworms and other crop pests; earthworms and a variety of insects

Northern Leopard Frog (*Rana pipiens*)
**Description:** Smooth skin; green, brown, or sometimes yellow-green; large, oval dark spots outlined by a lighter color
**Habitat:** Wet habitats
**Food:** Small invertebrates
**Wood Frog** (*Lithobates sylvaticus*)
**Description:** Varying shades of brown and red; black marking over eyes that looks like a mask
**Habitat:** Woodlands
**Food:** Insects, arachnids, slugs, worms, and snails

**Woodhouse’s Toad** (*Anaxyrus woodhousii*)
**Description:** Whitish stipe down the middle of the back; elongated parotoid glands; light brown or yellowish-brown; dark blotches
**Habitat:** Wetlands
**Food:** Sowbugs, scorpions, bees, insect larvae, ants, and spiders

**American Toad** (*Bufo americanus*)
**Description:** Mainly various shades of brown, but can also be red, olive, or grey; underside is yellow or white; skin is tough and warty, short limbs; webbed toes on their hind legs
**Habitat:** Forests, gardens, and agricultural fields
**Food:** Insects and other invertebrates

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**Salamanders**

**Eastern Tiger Salamander** (*Ambystoma tigrinum*)
**Description:** One of the largest terrestrial salamanders in the U.S.; dark brown, almost black; irregularly marked with yellow to olive colored blotches; belly is an olive-yellow color
**Habitat:** Underground in forests
**Food:** Earthworms, small mice, other amphibians, grasshoppers, moths, flies, spiders, beetles, and cicadas

**Barred Tiger Salamander** (*Ambystoma mavortium*)
**Description:** Large; black with yellow-white blotches or stripes on the sides
**Habitat:** Areas near bodies of water; underground
**Food:** Insects, slugs, and earthworms

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