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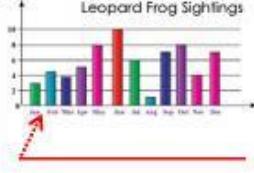
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Southern Leopard Frog  
(*Rana sphenocephala*)

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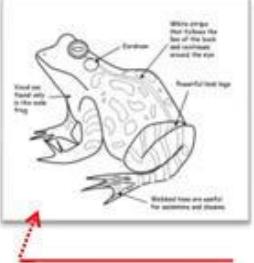
A genetic mutation gives rise to the Burns leopard frogs, which have no spots.

**Leopard frogs**, also called meadow frogs, are the archetypal "grass frogs" of North America, a collection of about 14 species within the true frog genus *Rana*. They are generally very similar, green with prominent black spotting (though actually more like that of a cheetah than that of a leopard). They can be told apart by their distribution and certain rather subtle ecological, behavioral, morphological and **genetic** traits. Their range extends throughout temperate and **subtropical** North America to northern Mexico, with some species found even further south. Once abundant in North America, their population has declined in recent years because of pollution and **deforestation**.

**North America**



Northern Leopard Frog Range



White spots that reduce the frog's body heat and camouflages around the frog.

Front legs only in the front of the body.

Back legs are used for swimming and climbing.

**Deforestation:** the removal of a forest.

**Genetic:** the genetic makeup of an organism or group of organisms

**Subtropical:** located between tropics and temperate areas.

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