



# Rana pipiens

**Common Name:**  
Leopard frog

**Classification:**  
**Class:** Amphibia  
**Order:** Salientia  
**Family:** Ranidae



*Rana pipiens* skeleton. Seibold Site, Stutsman County. 11,000 years old. Length 78 mm. University of North Dakota Paleontology Collection.

## Description:

*Rana pipiens*, the leopard frog, lives in North Dakota today and its remains have been recovered from a 11,000 year old fossil site, the Seibold site in Stutsman County, indicating that it lived in North Dakota at the end of the last Ice Age. Males of this species grow to lengths of about 3 inches, the females are slightly larger. They are green or tan, with dark spots outlined with light yellow. Their underside is white. Today they inhabit grasslands and wet woodlands as they did at the end of the Ice Age. They eat earthworms, snails, spiders, mites, crustaceans, insects, amphibians, and even mammals.



*Rana pipiens*. Image provided by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.



Locations where fossils have been found