Northern Leopard Frog

APPEARANCE

- Up to 3.5 inches in body length
- Varying shades of green or brown with round black spots scattered on the back and sides
- Plain white belly
- Two light ridges down the back

STATUS

- Valid Iowa fishing license required to possess as bait or food.

RANGE IN IOWA

- Statewide

HABITAT

- All water types, including lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, and wetlands.

DIET

- Insects, earthworms, and other invertebrates

FUN FACTS

- Male breeding call sounds like a low-pitched snore followed by chuckling
- Tadpoles transform into adults in only 3 months
- Declining populations because of habitat loss, pollution, use as bait, and collection for scientific studies
- Many hundreds can be found crossing roads during rain weather
- Will absorb dew to stay moist when away from a water source