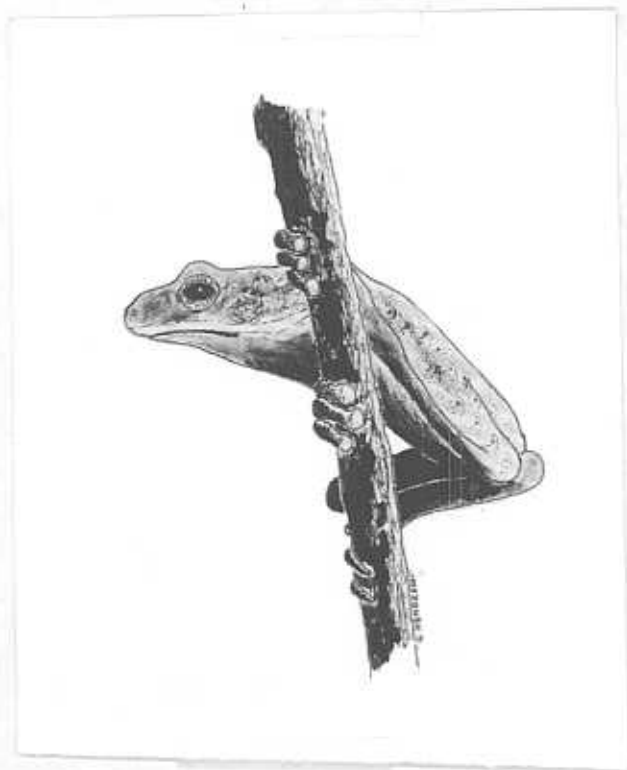


Northwest Minnesota

**Guide to the Reptiles
and Amphibians of
Northeast Minnesota -
Region 2**



**Minnesota
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Guide to the Herpetofauna of Northeastern Minnesota

Region 2

This preliminary guide has been prepared as a reference to the occurrence and distribution of reptiles and amphibians of Region 2 in Northeastern Minnesota. Taxonomy and identification are based on "A Field Guide to Reptiles and Amphibians" by Roger Conant (Second Edition, 1975). Figures 1 through 4 are maps for Region 2.

Counties Included: Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, and St. Louis.

SPECIES LISTTurtles

Common snapping turtle
*Wood turtle
Western painted turtle

Lizards

None

Snakes

Red-bellied snake
Red-sides garter snake } s.s.
Eastern garter snake }
*Northern ringneck snake

Salamanders

*Central (common) newt
Blue-spotted salamander
Eastern tiger salamander
*Red-backed salamander
Mudpuppy (?)

Toads

American toad

Frogs

Northern spring peeper
Common (gray) treefrog
Boreal chorus frog
Mink frog
Northern leopard frog
Green frog
Wood frog

s.s. - same species

(?) - hypothetical species - reports needed

* - special interest species - reports needed

Summary

A total of 18 species are found in Region 2. The mudpuppy has not been recorded yet, but probably is present. Two subspecies of garter snake are present.

Species of special interest include the wood turtle (presently known only from the St. Louis River in Region 2), northern ringneck snake, central newt, and red-backed salamander. Any sightings of these species should be recorded and sent to the nongame supervisor.

County records for this region are given on the following pages. If you encounter any new county records, the specimen should be captured and either photographed from several angles or preserved in isopropyl alcohol. Record the collector's name and address, date, county, township, range, section number (or distance and direction from nearest town), and the habitat in which the animal was found. The nongame supervisor should be contacted concerning disposition of specimens. Unless otherwise specified, all county records on the following pages are derived from Reptiles and Amphibians of Minnesota by Walter J. Breckenridge.



Figure 1. Map of Cook and Lake Counties, Region 2. Township numbers are shown in the left margin. Range numbers are shown along the bottom margin.

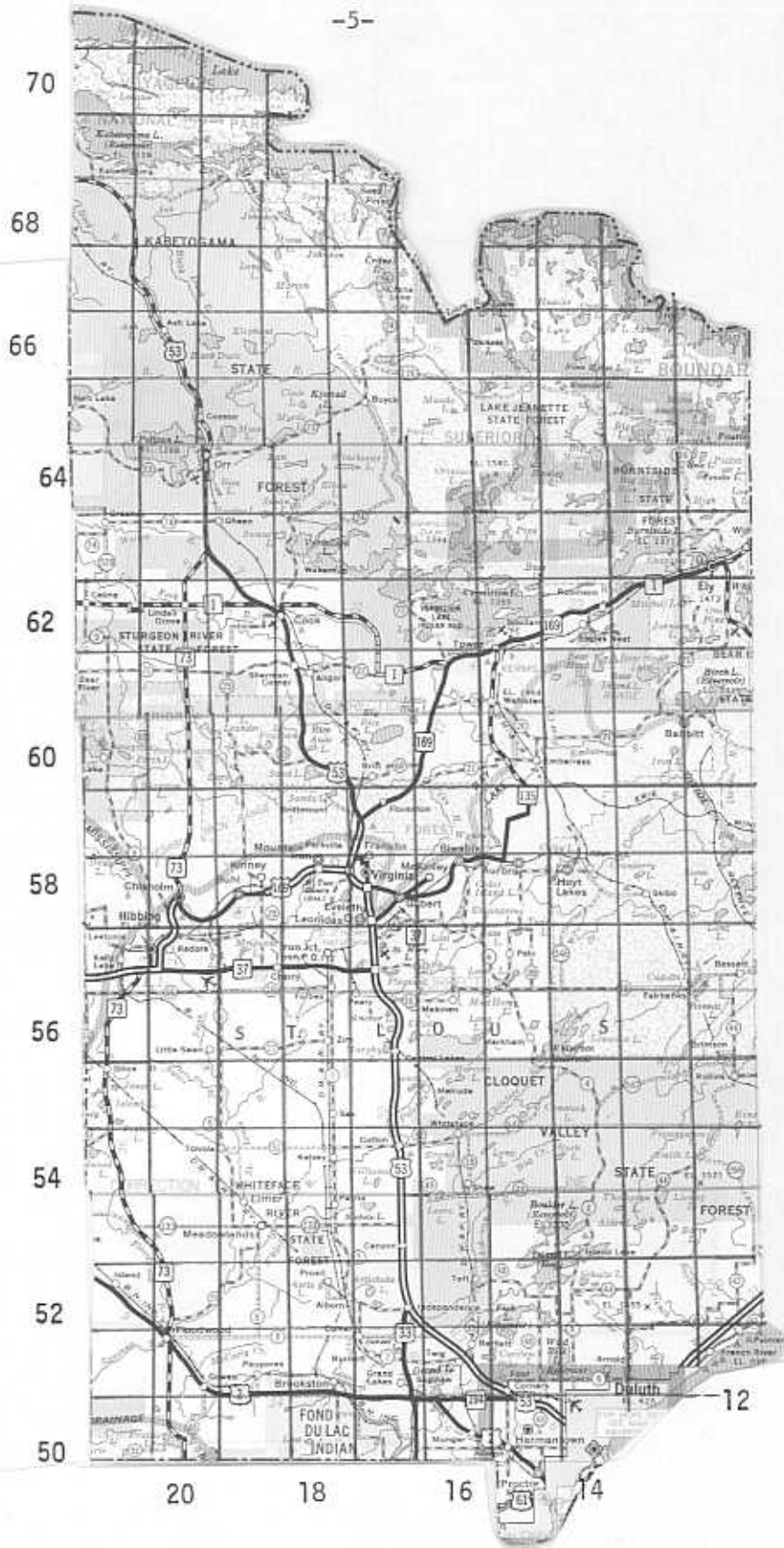


Figure 2. Map of St. Louis County, Region 2. Township numbers are shown in the left margin. Range numbers are shown on the bottom margin.

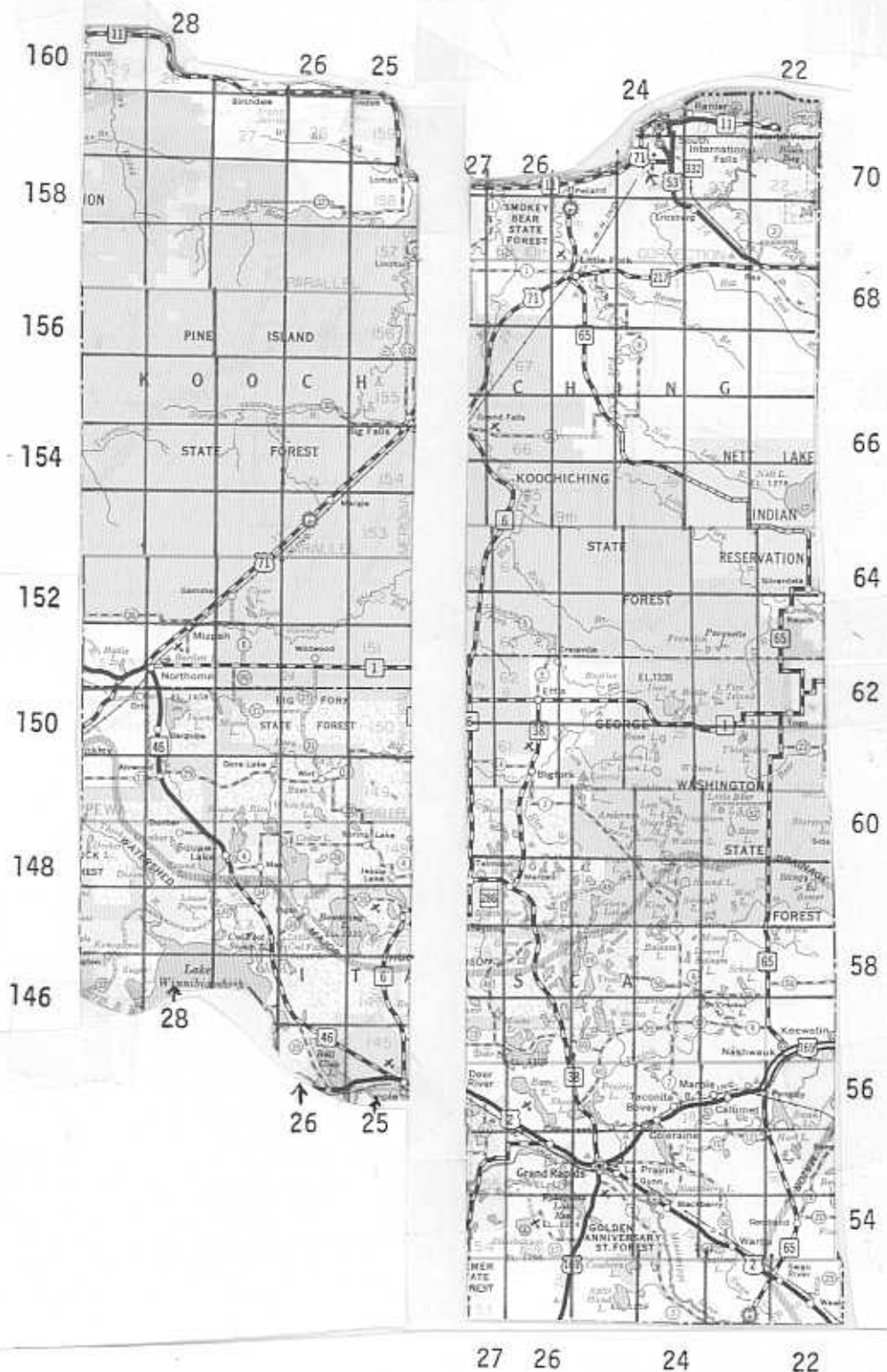


Figure 3. Map of Koochiching and Itasca Counties, Region 2. Township numbers are on the right and left margins and range numbers are at the bottom and top margins.

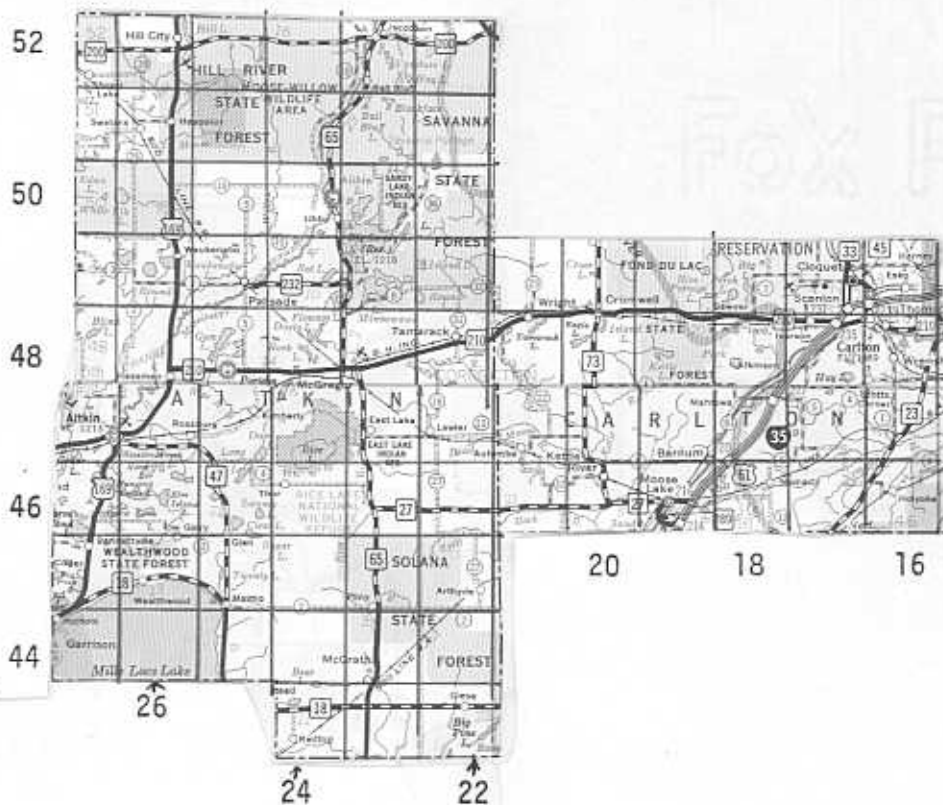


Figure 4. Map of Aitkin and Carlton Counties, Region 2. Township numbers are shown in the left margin and range numbers are shown in the bottom margin.

Frogs - Continued

Green Frog

Wood Frog

	Carlton	Aitkin	St. Louis	Lake	Cook	Itasca	Koochiching
Green Frog	X		X	X	X	X	
Wood Frog	X	X	X	X	X	X	X