

Tadpole

Tadpoles emerge from the eggs after 4-6 weeks. They have tails which propel them through the water and gills before their lungs develop.

Tadpole with Legs

The back legs start to grow in 6-9 weeks, followed by the front. As they grow they turn carnivorous (If there isn't enough food around they may even eat each other!)



Frog Life Cycle

Frogspawn

The eggs are laid in early spring by female frogs. They can lay up to 4000 eggs at a time but only a lucky few survive to adulthood.

Frog

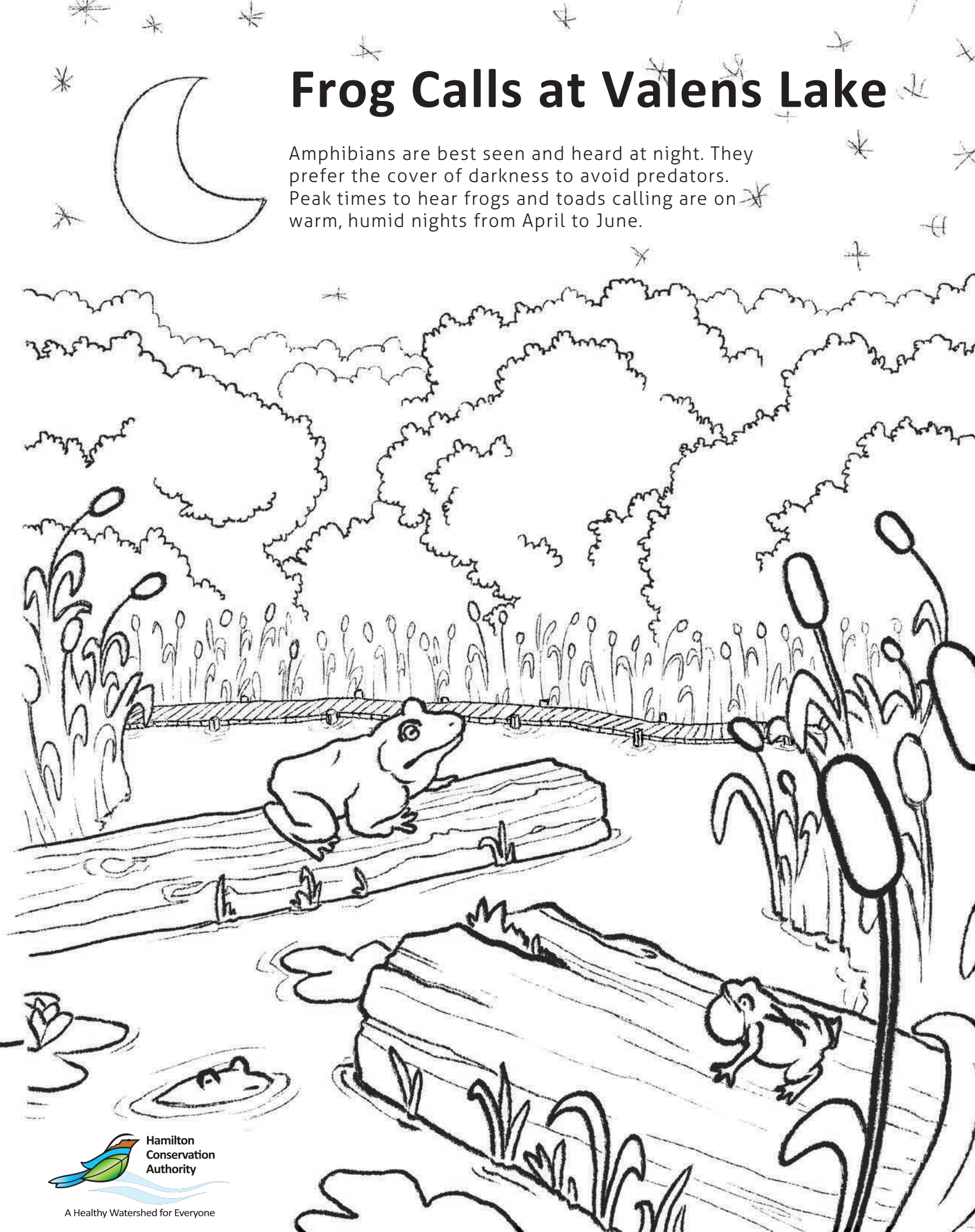
Common frogs live in woods, meadows and gardens when active. They hibernate in compost heaps and underwater mud. Once they have reached 2-3 years old they return to the pond to breed in the spring.

Froglet

In summer, once all four legs have grown and the tail has disappeared, the tiny froglet leaves the water.

Frog Calls at Valens Lake

Amphibians are best seen and heard at night. They prefer the cover of darkness to avoid predators. Peak times to hear frogs and toads calling are on warm, humid nights from April to June.



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