



Baltimore Woods
Nature Center
Nature in your hands

Nighttime Sounds

Wood frogs, peepers, and crickets...oh my! Spring is here and that means that our wild friends are waking up and ready to make some noise. While people are fast asleep, many animals are up and celebrating this newfound warm weather. Animals that are up during the nighttime are called *nocturnal*. Different species of frogs, bugs, and even mammals are calling out to the world saying, "Hello! I'm here! Where are you?" If you listen closely, you may hear lots of sounds in the nighttime. Give a listen and try out a few calls yourself!

With an adult, go outside when it is dark. Using a flashlight, take a walk by a river, pond, stream, or just stand out in your backyard. Listen carefully (and quietly!) for one to five minutes. While you are listening, count the number of animals you hear on your fingers or in your head. When you are done listening, record how many sounds you have heard!

For this activity you will need:

- An adult's help
- A flashlight
- Something to help you record the number of noises you hear (like pen and paper)

Now you need to put on your investigator hat and do some research! With the permission and help of an adult, click the links below or search online to listen to some of the sounds you may have heard.

Wood Frog: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oc6H7FLYObg>

Northern Spring Peeper: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xb8g1FWbzXw>

Western Chorus Frog: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hzePgnIpUuk>

Bullfrog: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6qHBRXLHXnc>

Gray Tree Frog: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gbzotSiowoQ\>

American Toad: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A6-8pC8o5fw>

Cricket: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8E_zMLCRNg

Eastern Screech Owl: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2TLH6tg696c>

Beaver: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOkOjyQmOzo>

Check out some of these nocturnal musical makers!
Match the name with the animal you think it belongs to.

Wood Frog
Eastern Screech Owl
American Toad
Cricket

