



# Illinois ENDANGERED & THREATENED SPECIES



## Illinois chorus frog *Pseudacris illinoensis* [state threatened]

The Illinois chorus frog lives in sand prairies and sandy floodplains. Unlike toads, the Illinois chorus frog digs with its forelimbs. It burrows head first into the sand. This frog is terrestrial but is seldom seen above ground except during the breeding season. The male's call is a series of short, loud, birdlike whistles. Transformation to the adult form occurs from May through June. The Illinois chorus frog eats small arthropods.

### Reasons for Concern

- restriction to sand areas
- destruction of these areas, particularly from cultivation.

