

Cuban Treefrog (Osteopilus septentrionalis)

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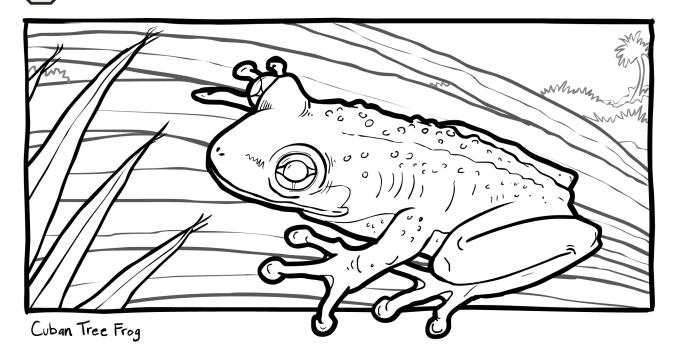
- A large treefrog up to 5 inches long
- Skin color varies from olive to tan to green to almost white
- Color patterns can be present or not present
- Skin is bumpy and fused (grown together) with skull
- Toe pads are large and disc-shaped

Hijacked Habitats

- Native to Cuba, the Cayman Islands and the Bahamas
- Introduced to Florida in 1931 via packing materials
- Now found throughout southern Florida north to Jacksonville and Cedar Key
- Breeds in areas, both developed and natural, around bodies of freshwater without fish







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Favorite Foods

Eats insects, spiders, frogs, toads and lizards smaller than itself

Critter Characteristics

- Most abundant in yards and other spaces around humans
- Outcompetes (uses resources) and preys on (eats) native frogs
- Skin produces an irritant which can cause allergic reactions

Population Prevention

- Believed to be a cause of native treefrog decline
- Removal from the environment is the sure way to get rid of them without harming other frogs
- Visit www.myfwc.com for removal information



