Treefrogs: Our Noisy Neighbors

What are treefrogs?
As their name suggests, treefrogs are excellent climbers, thanks to the enlarged, disk-like sticky tips of their toes. NATL is home to 3 native and one non-native species.

Green treefrog (Hyla cinerea)
- **Size:** About 2.5 inches
- **Identification:** Coloration may vary greatly, from dark brown to bright, vibrant green, with a long, lateral yellow or white stripe. Golden spots are also often present on the back.

Cuban treefrog (Osteopilus septentrionalis)
- **Size:** About 5 inches
- **Identification:** Coloration varies from pale tan/green to dark brown or green. Individuals may or may not have dark markings on their backs and legs. The skin above their head is fused to their skulls and they become white when inactive or cold.

Squirrel treefrog (Hyla squirella)
- **Size:** Only about 1.5 inches
- **Identification:** Coloration varies from green to yellowish-green to brown. A yellow bar is prominent below the eyes.

Pine treefrog (Hyla femorali)
- **Size:** 1 to 1.5 inches
- **Identification:** Coloration varies from deep reddish brown to gray or green. The rear end of the thighs have a row of small orange spots.

Tips for spotting invasive Cuban tree frogs:
- Adults are very large, up to five inches. They have large toe pads and warty skin along their backs and legs. Color ranges from pale tan/green to dark brown or green. Individuals may or may not have dark markings on their backs and legs. The skin above their head is fused to their skulls and they become white when inactive or cold.

PVC pipes provide shelter for tree frogs. Inside the tube, it’s dark and moist, the perfect home for a frog.

Squirrel treefrogs can be found nearly everywhere in NATL but they are heard more than seen. During warm months, males produce a chattery, squirrel-like “rain call” often from high in trees. This is in contrast to the mating call, which has a distinct duck-like sound.

Larger diameter PVC pipes serve as refuges for all sizes of tree frogs. Unfortunately, since Cuban treefrogs can be considerably larger than native species, these refuges can turn into places where Cuban treefrogs find and eat smaller natives.