

## **Addendum from Andrea to Nature Notes for Hikers #2**

Stew Hamill has pointed out that Wood Frogs are not a species of tree frog. I have been erroneously grouping them with tree frogs for years, because of their freeze-tolerance. That just proves an old favourite adage that “We all know more than some and less than others!”

Thanks Stew.

Stew also said Wood Frogs call sooner than Chorus Frogs (he lives deeper into Limerick Forest than I do).

I always hear Chorus Frogs first, possibly because they call during the day, when I tend to be out hiking.

I checked with Dr.Fred Schueler (my go-to Herpetologist in Bishops Mills) and he said “it depends on the spring, but usually [they call] about the same day.”

Wood Frogs have stopped calling by now, but Chorus Frogs are still being heard – very late in the spring for them to still be on the prowl, according to Fred.

I heard one on the evening of May 20, up Collar Hill, just before Scotch Line, in the wet woods down the steep embankment on the left side of the road.

It is one of my favourite sites to listen in spring. There will likely be Toads and Gray Tree Frogs trilling there soon too.Check it out!