

Anuran Families of the World

Remember that you should be able to identify specimens to family by external morphological characteristics alone. Do not rely upon coloration and pattern characteristics since these are often bleached out in preserved specimens. Typical coloration and patterning also tends to vary greatly in nature. Know **Distribution** and **Representative Forms** information contained in the Anura handout, *even if there are not representative specimens in our Collection.*

Mesobatrachia		Neobatrachia	
		"Hyloidea"	
		"Ranoidea"	
Ascaphidae	Pipidae	Allophrynidae*	Arthroleptidae
Leiopelmatidae*	Rhynophrynidae	Brachycephalidae*	Hemisotidae*
Discoglossidae	Pelobatidae	Bufonidae	Hyperoliidae
Bombinatoridae	Scaphiopodidae	Centrolenidae*	Mantellidae*
	Megophryidae	Helophrynidae*	Microhylidae
	Pelodytidae*	Hylidae	Brevicipitidae*
		Hemiphractidae*	Ranidae
		Leptodactylidae	Rhacophoridae
		Ceratophrynidae	
		Eleutherodactylidae	
		Myobatrachidae*	
		Nasikabatrachidae*	
		Pseudidae <small>(placed in Hylidae)</small>	
		Rhinodermatidae	
		Sooglossidae*	
		Dendrobatidae	

*= no specimens for this family represented in our collection.