



Gray Treefrog

Gray treefrogs are small—about the size of a silver dollar—and have sticky pads on their toes, which they use for climbing trees and other objects. Active during warmer months, gray treefrogs spend much of their time in treetops. They tend to be more active at night (*nocturnal*), but sometimes they make their trilling calls during the day, often before rainstorms.

Where: If you divided the United States in half from Wisconsin to Texas, gray treefrogs are found in the eastern half, from northern Florida to southern Canada.

Fun Fact: The gray treefrog can change colors to camouflage themselves with their surroundings. They can become green when among leaves and brown when on the bark. Specialized cells called *chromatophores* allow their skin to change hues.

Connection: Are humans able to camouflage themselves? If so, how do they do it?

Writing: Pretend that you are a gray treefrog. Write about what it's like to live in the tops of trees. What do you see? What do you eat? How far can you jump?