



Exercise: 1

Instructions: Idaho is home to many amphibians. You can use the key to identify the species listed below. Use the key to compare your species with the choices given and choose the option that best matches the characteristics of your species. It is important that you pay close attention to detail. If you are careful, this should lead you to page where you can name it and tell how it lives.

1. This Species has rough, dry skin.

Common Name-

Scientific Name-

Habitat-

Diet-



Photo by Stephan Burton

2. This species has moist skin, an external eardrum, and feet with toe pads and limited webbing.

Common Name-

Scientific Name-

Habitat-

Diet-



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3. This species has moist skin, a wide fifth toe, and no external eardrum.

Common Name-

Scientific Name-

Habitat-

Diet-



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4. They are variably colored, ranging from black, tan or olive ground color and olive, yellow or tan markings.

Common Name-

Scientific Name-

Habitat-

Diet-



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5. This species has no toe pads.

Common Name-

Scientific Name-

Habitat-

Diet-



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6. Has a yellow patch on the throat.

Common Name-

Scientific Name-

Habitat-

Diet-



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7. Lacks toe pads, strongly webbed feet.

Common Name-

Scientific Name-

Habitat-

Diet-



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8. Hind foot fourth toe has three segments.

Common Name-

Scientific Name-

Habitat-

Diet-



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