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Going to a pond, there's an abundance of frog eggs in the water at this time in spring. Spring is the mating season for the *Lithobates clamitans*, the green frog (Animal Diversity Web/ADW). These green frogs can lay 1000 - 5000 eggs (Green Frogs Mating & Laying Eggs). This is very impressive due to the frogs' small size of 5.7 to 9 cm (Virginia Herpetological Society). I wonder how the frogs are able to lay so many eggs.

On April 12, 2021, in a pond along the North Hampton School's nature trail in North Hampton, there lay many eggs along the surface of the water. There was one large bunch of eggs near where a tree met the water, that was where the majority of the eggs were. There were some more bunches of frog eggs that were around the large bunch near the tree, though these bunches had a lot less eggs. I noticed that the smaller bunches had a stick going through the middle of the bunch.



The frog eggs are very interesting. For the frogs to be able to produce so many eggs is very impressive. I never came to the conclusion as to how the frogs are able to lay 1000-5000 eggs in one clutch. The frog must have probably had lots of nutrients stored up from eating food before laying eggs. That way the frog will be able to create the eggs as they lay them. But to be able to create the eggs so quickly is fascinating.

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