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Waxy Monkey Tree Frog

Phyllomedusa sauvagii

The waxy monkey tree frog (Phyllomedusa sauvagii) lives in the dry Gran Chaco of South America, a place where an ordinary frog would desiccate within hours, and it survives by waterproofing itself. G…

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian
Family: Phyllomedusidae
Habitat: Dry forests and scrublands
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 8-15 years
Weight: 40-60 grams
Scientific name: Phyllomedusa sauvagii

Did you know?

- Unlike most frogs, Waxy Monkey Tree Frogs are resistant to dehydration and can thrive in relatively arid environments.
- It waterproofs itself by wiping a waxy secretion over its entire body with all four limbs, in a routine so consistent that researchers can time it. I…

What I learned

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