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Animal Fact Sheet

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Wood Frog

Rana sylvatica

The wood frog survives winter by freezing solid. As much as two-thirds of the water in its body turns to ice, its heart stops beating, it stops breathing, and measurable brain activity ceases — by an…

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian
Family: Ranidae
Habitat: Deciduous and mixed forests, wetlands, vernal pools, and tundra edges
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 3-5 years
Weight: 2-8 grams
Scientific name: Rana sylvatica

Did you know?

- Up to 70% of a Wood Frog's body water can turn to ice during winter, and its heart actually stops beating until it thaws in spring.
- It freezes solid every winter — heart stopped, no breathing, no brain activity, up to two-thirds of its body water turned to ice. Its liver floods th…

What I learned

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