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WEATHER _____

Welcome to the Wildlands Conservancy Whitewater Preserve. This list includes 38 species of amphibians and reptiles which have been recorded in the preserve and adjacent habitats within Whitewater Canyon. Taxonomy and nomenclature generally follows Stebbins (2003).

Habitat, abundance, and seasonality codes are defined as follows:

HABITATS:

- AQ = Aquatic** (species found in, or in close proximity to water)
- RO = Rocky Areas** (species associated with rocky habitats)
- SA = Sandy Areas** (species associated with sandy areas)
- DS = Desert Scrub**
- RI = Riparian** (forest and woodland)
- CH = Chaparral**
- DE = Developed** (areas around dwellings and structures)

ABUNDANCE:

- c = common**; nearly always encountered in appropriate habitat, usually in high numbers
- f = fairly common**; usually encountered in appropriate habitat, usually in moderate numbers
- u = uncommon**; occasionally encountered in appropriate habitat, usually in low numbers
- r = rare**; rarely encountered, due to scarcity and/or difficulty of detection
- (I) = Introduced** species

Activity:

- D = Diurnal** (primarily active during the day)
- N = Nocturnal** (primarily active at night)
- C = Crepuscular** (usually active in the morning and/or at dusk)

CHECKLIST OF THE AMPHIBIANS AND