

Our Arroyo Ecosystem



Baja California Treefrog

Psudacris hypochondriaca hypochondriaca

This small frog has a wide dark stripe that extends from the nostrils through the middle of each eye to the shoulders. Its upper body coloring is variable: green, tan, brown, gray, reddish, cream, but it is most often green or brown. It can quickly change its color from dark to light.

Despite its name, this frog is chiefly a ground-dweller. It lives among shrubs and grass, typically near water, but occasionally can also be found climbing high in vegetation. Its large toe pads allow it to climb easily and cling to branches, twigs, and grass.

This is the most commonly heard frog in its range. Its call is known throughout the world because of its wide use as a nighttime background sound in old Hollywood movies.

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