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WHITE-THROATED WOODRAT



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This month, we are learning all about the White-throated Woodrat. Below are a couple of key facts about these skittish critters:

- Often found feverishly constructing their middens (homes) made of sticks, spiny cacti, dung and sometimes trash or trinkets left behind by humans.
- They are preyed upon by bobcats, coyotes, owls, and snakes but can reproduce five or more times yearly to replenish the population.
- Are primarily nocturnal and eat seeds, fruits, flowers, and cacti.

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