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Animal Fact Sheet

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Anderson's Salamander

Ambystoma andersoni

Anderson's Salamander is a critically endangered amphibian native to a single high-altitude lake, Lake Zacapu, in Michoacán, Mexico. It is a large, fully aquatic salamander characterized by its exter…

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian
Family: Ambystomatidae
Habitat: High-altitude freshwater lakes
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Critically Endangered
Lifespan: 10-15 years
Weight: 60-120 grams
Scientific name: Ambystoma andersoni

Did you know?

- Anderson's Salamander is found only in a single lake in the world, making it one of the most geographically restricted amphibians.
- Anderson's Salamander is one of the few salamander species that remain fully aquatic and neotenic throughout their lives. They possess remarkable reg…

What I learned

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