

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Appalachian Seal Salamander

*Desmognathus monticola*

The Appalachian Seal Salamander is a medium-sized, robust amphibian native to the Appalachian Mountains in the eastern United States. Its body is gray to brownish with scattered dark spots and a noti...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Amphibian

**Family:** Plethodontidae

**Habitat:** Moist forests near mountain streams and seeps

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 6-10 years

**Weight:** 3-7 grams

**Scientific name:** *Desmognathus monticola*

### Did you know?

- Despite being an amphibian, the Appalachian Seal Salamander spends almost its entire life on land, only returning to water to lay eggs.
- The Appalachian Seal Salamander is lungless, breathing entirely through its skin and the lining of its mouth. It is quick-moving and often escapes pr...

### What I learned

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