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Animal Fact Sheet

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Axolotl

Ambystoma mexicanum

The axolotl (Ambystoma mexicanum) is a unique amphibian native to the ancient lake systems of Xochimilco and Chalco in Mexico City. Unlike most salamanders, axolotls exhibit neoteny, meaning they ret…

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian
Family: Ambystomatidae
Habitat: Freshwater lakes and canals
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Critically Endangered
Lifespan: 10-15 years
Weight: 60-200 grams
Scientific name: Ambystoma mexicanum

Did you know?

- Axolotls almost never undergo metamorphosis, unlike most salamanders, and spend their entire lives in water.
- Axolotls have an extraordinary ability to regenerate not only limbs but also parts of their heart, lungs, and even sections of their brain, a feat th…

What I learned

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