

Animal Fact Sheet

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California Newt

Taricha torosa

The California newt is a medium-sized amphibian native to California, recognized by its rough, warty skin and striking orange to brown coloration. It inhabits moist woodlands, chaparral, and forested...

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian

Family: Salamandridae

Habitat: Moist woodlands and forests near streams and ponds

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Near Threatened

Lifespan: 10-15 years

Weight: 7-20 grams

Scientific name: *Taricha torosa*

Did you know?

- Despite their toxic skin, some garter snakes have evolved resistance and are one of the few predators capable of eating California newts.
- California newts secrete a powerful neurotoxin called tetrodotoxin from their skin, making them highly poisonous to most animals. During courtship, m...

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