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# Animal Fact Sheet

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# California Tiger Salamander

*Ambystoma californiense*

The California Tiger Salamander is a large, secretive amphibian native to California's grasslands and vernal pool ecosystems. Characterized by its robust body, broad head, and striking black colorati…

## Quick facts

**Classification:** Amphibian
**Family:** Ambystomatidae
**Habitat:** Seasonal ponds and grasslands
**Diet:** Carnivore
**Conservation status:** Vulnerable
**Lifespan:** 10-15 years
**Weight:** 60-120 grams
**Scientific name:** Ambystoma californiense

## Did you know?

- Despite being called 'tiger' salamanders, their stripes are actually spots, and each individual's pattern is unique, much like a fingerprint.
- California Tiger Salamanders can remain underground for up to 11 months a year, relying on rodent burrows for shelter. Their larvae are entirely aqua…

## What I learned

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