

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Cave Salamander

*Eurycea lucifuga*

The Cave Salamander is a slender, brightly colored amphibian known for its striking orange to reddish body adorned with scattered black spots. Native to the eastern and central United States, it thri...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Amphibian

**Family:** Plethodontidae

**Habitat:** Caves, rocky forests near streams and springs

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 8-10 years

**Weight:** 2-5 grams

**Scientific name:** *Eurycea lucifuga*

### Did you know?

- Unlike many cave-dwelling animals, the Cave Salamander retains normal eyesight and pigmentation throughout its life.
- Cave Salamanders have exceptionally long toes that help them cling to slippery cave walls. Their vivid coloration may serve as a warning to predators...

### What I learned

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