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Chinese Giant Salamander

Andrias davidianus

The Chinese giant salamander is the largest amphibian on Earth, reaching 1.8 m, and it breathes almost entirely through its skin — which is why the loose folds and wrinkles along its flanks matter: t…

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian
Family: Cryptobranchidae
Habitat: Mountain streams and rivers
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Critically Endangered
Lifespan: 50–60 years in the wild (up to 70 years in captivity)
Weight: 25–30 kg (55–66 lbs), occasionally up to 50 kg (110 lbs)
Scientific name: Andrias davidianus

Did you know?

- The Chinese Giant Salamander can regenerate lost limbs, tail, and even parts of its organs, a remarkable ability among vertebrates.
- Its Chinese name means "infant fish", from a vocalisation that sounds unnervingly like a human baby crying. It has poor eyesight and hunts by detecti…

What I learned

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