

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Common Mudpuppy

*Necturus maculosus*

The Common Mudpuppy is a large, fully aquatic salamander native to eastern North America. Recognizable by its bushy, red external gills and mottled gray or brown skin, it spends its entire life under...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Amphibian**Family:** Proteidae**Habitat:** Freshwater rivers, lakes, and streams**Diet:** Carnivore**Conservation status:** Least Concern**Lifespan:** 11-20 years**Weight:** 113-340 g**Scientific name:** *Necturus maculosus*

### Did you know?

- Despite being amphibians, Common Mudpuppies never leave the water and breathe almost entirely through their gills.
- Mudpuppies are one of the few salamanders that vocalize, emitting a dog-like bark. They are paedomorphic, meaning they retain juvenile characteristic...

### What I learned

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