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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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