

Animal Fact Sheet

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Eastern Hellbender

Cryptobranchus alleganiensis alleganiensis

The Eastern Hellbender is the largest aquatic salamander in North America, reaching lengths up to 29 inches. This secretive amphibian inhabits clean, fast-flowing streams and rivers, where it hides u...

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian

Family: Cryptobranchidae

Habitat: Fast-flowing, rocky streams and rivers

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Near Threatened

Lifespan: 25-30 years

Weight: 1.5–5.5 lbs (0.7–2.5 kg)

Scientific name: *Cryptobranchus alleganiensis alleganiensis*

Did you know?

- Despite their intimidating appearance and name, hellbenders are completely harmless to humans and play a crucial role in maintaining healthy stream e...
- Hellbenders breathe primarily through their skin, which must remain moist to function. Unlike most salamanders, they rarely leave the water and can l...

What I learned
