

Animal Fact Sheet

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Eastern Red-backed Salamander

Plethodon cinereus

The Eastern Red-backed Salamander is a slender, lungless amphibian native to the forests of eastern North America. It is easily recognized by its two main color morphs: the 'red-backed' variety, whic...

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian

Family: Plethodontidae

Habitat: Deciduous and mixed forests with moist, shaded ground cover

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 5-10 years

Weight: 2-5 grams

Scientific name: *Plethodon cinereus*

Did you know?

- Unlike most salamanders, the Eastern Red-backed Salamander does not have an aquatic larval stage; its young hatch directly into miniature adults.
- Eastern Red-backed Salamanders are entirely terrestrial throughout their lives and never require standing water to breed. They use chemical cues to r...

What I learned
