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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

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