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Animal Fact Sheet

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Great Crested Newt

Triturus cristatus

Triturus cristatus is Europe's largest newt at up to 17 cm, and in the breeding season the male grows a jagged, sail-like dorsal crest and a white or silver flash along the tail that he wobbles in fr…

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian
Family: Salamandridae
Habitat: Ponds, wetlands, and surrounding terrestrial habitats such as grasslands and woodlands
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 6-15 years
Weight: 10-20 grams
Scientific name: Triturus cristatus

Did you know?

- Great Crested Newts are protected under both UK and European law, making it illegal to disturb or harm them or their habitats.
- The 50 percent embryonic death rate comes from a balanced lethal system on chromosome 1 that has persisted for millions of years across the whole Tri…

What I learned

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