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Animal Fact Sheet

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Greater Siren

Siren lacertina

The Greater Siren is a large, aquatic salamander native to the southeastern United States. This eel-like amphibian is characterized by its long, slender body, external feathery gills, and the absence…

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian
Family: Sirenidae
Habitat: Freshwater wetlands
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-25 years
Weight: 120-1000 grams
Scientific name: Siren lacertina

Did you know?

- Despite their large size and snake-like appearance, Greater Sirens are completely harmless to humans and play an important role in controlling aquati…
- Greater Sirens can estivate for months by burrowing into mud when their aquatic habitats dry up. They communicate with a series of clicks, which is u…

What I learned

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