

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Hellbender

*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis*

The Hellbender is the largest aquatic salamander in North America, known for its flat, wrinkled body and loose, frilly skin that aids in respiration. Primarily nocturnal, this elusive amphibian spend...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Amphibian

**Family:** Cryptobranchidae

**Habitat:** Clean, fast-flowing, rocky streams and rivers

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Near Threatened

**Lifespan:** 25-30 years

**Weight:** 1.5–2.5 kg (3.3–5.5 lbs)

**Scientific name:** *Cryptobranchus alleganiensis*

### Did you know?

- Hellbenders can live up to 30 years in the wild, making them one of the longest-lived amphibians in North America.
- Hellbenders are sometimes called 'snot otters' due to their slimy skin. Unlike most salamanders, they have external gill slits only as larvae; adults...

### What I learned

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