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Animal Fact Sheet

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Hellbender

Cryptobranchus alleganiensis

Cryptobranchus alleganiensis is North America's largest amphibian, reaching 74 cm, and it lives its whole life under a single large flat rock in a cold, fast Appalachian or Ozark stream. It has lungs…

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 can live 25 to 30 years or more, and many wild populations are now composed almost entirely of old adults with no successful recruitment …

What I learned

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