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Animal Fact Sheet

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Italian Crested Newt

Triturus carnifex

The Italian Crested Newt is a large, semi-aquatic amphibian native primarily to Italy and parts of the Balkan Peninsula. Recognized by its robust body, dark marbled coloration, and the prominent jagg…

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian
Family: Salamandridae
Habitat: Freshwater ponds, lakes, and slow-moving streams surrounded by forests or grasslands
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Near Threatened
Lifespan: 10-15 years
Weight: 7-20 grams
Scientific name: Triturus carnifex

Did you know?

- Italian Crested Newts can hybridize with closely related newt species, producing offspring with a blend of characteristics.
- Male Italian Crested Newts develop an impressive, wavy crest along their backs and tails during the breeding season. They can regenerate lost tails a…

What I learned

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