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Animal Fact Sheet

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Japanese Fire-bellied Newt

Cynops pyrrhogaster

The Japanese Fire-bellied Newt is a small, semi-aquatic amphibian native to Japan, renowned for its striking black dorsum and vivid orange-red belly. This coloration serves as a warning to predators …

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian
Family: Salamandridae
Habitat: Freshwater ponds, marshes, and slow-moving streams in temperate forests
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Near Threatened
Lifespan: 10-15 years
Weight: 5-15 grams
Scientific name: Cynops pyrrhogaster

Did you know?

- Despite their toxicity, Japanese Fire-bellied Newts are sometimes preyed upon by snakes that have evolved resistance to their toxins.
- Japanese Fire-bellied Newts can regenerate lost limbs, tails, and even parts of their heart and eyes. Their bright belly coloration is a defense mech…

What I learned

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