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Animal Fact Sheet

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Kaiser’s Newt

Neurergus kaiseri

Kaiser’s Newt, also known as the Luristan Newt or Emperor Newt, is a strikingly colored amphibian native to the Zagros Mountains of Iran. It exhibits vibrant black and white banding along its body, c…

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian
Family: Salamandridae
Habitat: Rocky streams and pools in temperate forests (oak and pistachio woodlands)
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Critically Endangered
Lifespan: 8-14 years
Weight: 7-15 grams
Scientific name: Neurergus kaiseri

Did you know?

- Kaiser’s Newt is found naturally in just four small streams, making its wild population exceptionally vulnerable to environmental changes.
- Kaiser’s Newt is known for its vivid coloration, which acts as a warning to predators about its mild skin toxins. Unlike many newts, it is almost ent…

What I learned

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