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Animal Fact Sheet

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Large-blotched Ensatina

Ensatina eschscholtzii klauberi

The Large-blotched Ensatina is a distinctive subspecies of salamander known for its striking coloration, featuring large, dark blotches on a lighter background. This small, lungless amphibian relies …

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian
Family: Plethodontidae
Habitat: Moist forests and woodland slopes in mountainous regions
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 8-15 years
Weight: 2-5 grams
Scientific name: Ensatina eschscholtzii klauberi

Did you know?

- Despite being a salamander, the Large-blotched Ensatina never enters water to breed and lays its eggs on land.
- Large-blotched Ensatinas can detach their tails to distract predators and escape danger. They lack lungs entirely, relying on cutaneous respiration. …

What I learned

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