

Animal Fact Sheet

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Long-toed Salamander

Ambystoma macrodactylum

The Long-toed Salamander is a slender amphibian distinguished by its elongated fourth toe on each hind foot, which gives the species its name. This salamander displays a dark body with a striking yellow stripe along its back and sides.

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian

Family: Ambystomatidae

Habitat: Moist forests, grasslands, and meadows near freshwater

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 5-10 years

Weight: 2-5 grams

Scientific name: *Ambystoma macrodactylum*

Did you know?

- Despite being amphibians, Long-toed Salamanders are capable of surviving in relatively dry environments by retreating underground or into moist microhabitats.
- Long-toed Salamanders can regrow lost tails and toes if needed. Their larvae sometimes overwinter under ice, delaying metamorphosis until the following spring.

What I learned
