

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Northern Dusky Salamander

*Desmognathus fuscus*

The Northern Dusky Salamander is a small, semi-aquatic amphibian native to eastern North America. It is characterized by its slender, somewhat flattened body, variable coloration ranging from brown t...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Amphibian

**Family:** Plethodontidae

**Habitat:** Moist forests near freshwater streams and springs

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 8-15 years

**Weight:** 2-5 grams

**Scientific name:** *Desmognathus fuscus*

### Did you know?

- Unlike most salamanders, Northern Dusky Salamanders use a unique jaw-snapping technique to capture fast-moving prey.
- Northern Dusky Salamanders can drop their tails as a defense mechanism when threatened. Unlike many salamanders, they lack lungs and breathe primaril...

### What I learned

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