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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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