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Animal Fact Sheet

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Northern Spring Salamander

Gyrinophilus porphyriticus

The Northern Spring Salamander is a slender, aquatic amphibian known for its pinkish to reddish coloration and faint dark spots along its body. It is a secretive species that primarily inhabits cold,…

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian
Family: Plethodontidae
Habitat: Cold, clear, rocky streams and springs in forested mountain regions
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 7-10 years
Weight: 4-10 grams
Scientific name: Gyrinophilus porphyriticus

Did you know?

- Unlike many salamanders, the Northern Spring Salamander preys on other amphibians, including smaller salamanders and their larvae.
- Northern Spring Salamanders are lungless and breathe entirely through their skin and the lining of their mouth. Their larvae can take up to 5 years t…

What I learned

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