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Animal Fact Sheet

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Red-bellied Newt

Taricha rivularis

The Red-bellied Newt is a striking amphibian native to the coastal forests of northern California. Characterized by its dark brown to black dorsum and vivid brick-red belly, this newt uses its bright…

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian
Family: Salamandridae
Habitat: Moist forests and clean, flowing streams
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-15 years
Weight: 7-15 grams
Scientific name: Taricha rivularis

Did you know?

- Despite their toxicity, some garter snake populations have evolved resistance to the Red-bellied Newt's poison and are among their few natural predat…
- Red-bellied Newts produce a powerful neurotoxin called tetrodotoxin that makes them unpalatable to most predators. They are known for their unique de…

What I learned

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