

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 predators.
- Red-bellied Newts produce a powerful neurotoxin called tetrodotoxin that makes them unpalatable to most predators. They are known for their unique de...

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