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Animal Fact Sheet

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Rough-skinned Newt

Taricha granulosa

Taricha granulosa is the single most poisonous amphibian in North America and one of the most toxic animals anywhere: its skin carries tetrodotoxin, the same sodium-channel blocker found in pufferfis…

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian
Family: Salamandridae
Habitat: Moist forests near freshwater ponds and streams
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-12 years
Weight: 7-20 grams
Scientific name: Taricha granulosa

Did you know?

- Despite their extreme toxicity, rough-skinned newts are harmless to handle if not ingested or if toxins do not enter the body through cuts or mucous …
- Tetrodotoxin is probably not made by the newt itself but by symbiotic bacteria, and newts raised in captivity away from their natural microbiota beco…

What I learned

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