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Animal Fact Sheet

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Spotted Salamander

Ambystoma maculatum

The spotted salamander (Ambystoma maculatum) of eastern North America is the only known vertebrate with a photosynthetic partner living inside its own cells. Its egg masses turn visibly green as they…

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian
Family: Ambystomatidae
Habitat: Deciduous forests near vernal pools and temporary freshwater ponds
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-20 years
Weight: 15-30 grams
Scientific name: Ambystoma maculatum

Did you know?

- Spotted Salamanders can live for up to 20 years in the wild, making them one of the longest-lived salamander species.
- It is the only vertebrate known to host a photosynthetic alga inside its own cells. The mass overland migration to breeding pools, known to naturalis…

What I learned

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