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Texas Blind Salamander

Eurycea rathbuni

The Texas Blind Salamander is a rare, cave-dwelling amphibian found exclusively in the Edwards Aquifer region near San Marcos, Texas. Adapted to complete darkness, it has no functional eyes and posse...

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian

Family: Plethodontidae

Habitat: Subterranean freshwater aquifers and caves

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Endangered

Lifespan: 10-15 years

Weight: 3-5 grams

Scientific name: *Eurycea rathbuni*

Did you know?

- Despite living its whole life in total darkness, the Texas Blind Salamander can sense subtle water movements to find prey such as small crustaceans a...
- The Texas Blind Salamander is one of the few amphibians that spends its entire life in the larval stage, a condition called neoteny. It is completely...

What I learned
