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Texas Blind Salamander

Eurycea rathbuni

The Texas blind salamander (Eurycea rathbuni) lives in the water-filled caves and conduits of the Edwards Aquifer beneath San Marcos, Texas, and it has never needed to see. It has no functional eyes …

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…
- It has no eyes, only two dark specks under the skin, and no pigment at all. It never metamorphoses, keeping its feathery larval gills into adulthood …

What I learned

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