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Animal Fact Sheet

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Three-toed Amphiuma

Amphiuma tridactylum

The Three-toed Amphiuma is a large, eel-like aquatic salamander native to the southeastern United States. Distinguished by its long, cylindrical body and tiny, vestigial limbs with three toes on each…

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian
Family: Amphiumidae
Habitat: Slow-moving freshwater swamps, bayous, sloughs, and ditches
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 8–15 years
Weight: 170–1,100 grams
Scientific name: Amphiuma tridactylum

Did you know?

- Unlike most salamanders, the Three-toed Amphiuma retains both lungs and gills as a juvenile but loses its external gills as it matures, becoming almo…
- Three-toed Amphiumas can breathe air and survive in low-oxygen water by gulping air at the surface. They are capable of producing a loud squeak when …

What I learned

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