

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
