



# RED-SPOTTED NEWT

## What do they look like?

- Adult red-spotted newts are olive and brownish green in color and have red spots on their backs.
- Young newts, called efts, are colored red and orange.
- The color of young red-spotted newts' skin warns predators that their skin is toxic.

## What do they eat?

Adult newts eat insects, worms, and frog or fish eggs.

Young newts eat insects and snails.



## Where do they live?



- Red-spotted newts can be found all over New Hampshire.
- Adults live in marshes and in bodies of water, like ponds and lakes.
- Young newts live on land for their first three years, where they hide under logs, bark, stones, or leaves.

## Fun Fact

The red-spotted newt became New Hampshire's official amphibian in 1985.



## Notice & Wonder

- Have you ever seen a red-spotted newt in the wild?
- Why do you think New Hampshire named it as the state amphibian?

