

Salamanders (Order: Urodela)

Salamanders usually have a long tail and four legs. Many people mistake salamanders for lizards and lizards for salamanders, but they are very different. Salamanders, unlike lizards, have smooth, slimy skin and a larva stage. Salamanders also do not have ears or a voice box.



The 360 different species of salamanders world wide are usually found in the cooler forested areas in the Northern Hemisphere. Georgia is home to 51 species of salamanders, which is the highest diversity in the world! If you want to try to find some of these beautiful creatures, locate a moist place and start looking under small rocks and logs. Salamanders are very secretive, so please be patient in your search. When you find them, watch their behavior, but do not disturb or harass them.

