Northern Red Salamander

Northern Red Salamander (Pseudotriton ruber ruber) - Pl.27

Identification: 3 7/8" - 7 1/8". The Northern Red Salamander is similar in shape, color and pattern to the Eastern Mud Salamander, but the iris of the Northern Red Salamander is usually yellow, not brown. The Northern Red Salamander is red to reddish orange and has numerous irregular black spots. The underside is marked with black or brown spots; some younger individuals may have unmarked bellies. Older adults are usually less brilliant and more of an orangish or purplish brown color. Spots tend to run together on older individuals.

Where to find them: Requires cool, clean, flowing streams with gravel, sand, or rock bottoms. It can be found under flat stones and moss and occasionally wanders away from streams on rainy days.

When to find them: Active spring through late summer.

Range: Entire state.

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Key Features

- Red to reddish-orange in color with many black, irregularly shaped spots.
 Iris of eye is colored
- Iris of eye is colored yellow (compare to mud salamander above).





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