

Guide to Salamanders of Isolated Wetlands



Dwarf Salamander (*Eurycea quadridigitata*) larva

Size: 0.3–2.0 in. (7–50 mm)

Hatchlings have uniformly grayish brown dorsum, but older larvae resemble adults; dorsal fin begins in middle of back and tail fin has a netted pattern; very slender



Mole Salamander (*Ambystoma talpoideum*) larva

Size: 0.4–2.6 in. (10–65 mm)

Hatchlings have bold, alternating black and yellow blotches on the back and top of the tail fin; older larvae have 2 conspicuous cream or dull yellow stripes on each side that become blotches near the tail; **dark stripe along the midline of the white belly**



Eastern Tiger Salamander (*A. tigrinum*) larva

Size: 0.5–4.8 in. (13–123 mm)

Hatchlings have paired blotches along the back and an unpigmented belly; broad, flat head; older larvae are dull green to dusky colored above and white beneath, often with black dorsal spotting



Flatwoods Salamander (*A. cingulam/bishopi*) larva

Size: 0.4–3.8 in. (10–96 mm)

Vivid, wide, light (cream, tan, or yellow) and dark stripes along the body; dark stripes on the head



Striped Newt (*Notophthalmus perstriatus*) larva

Size: 0.3–2.0 in. (8–50 mm)

Larvae have a row of light spots along the lateral line



Striped Newt paedomorph (i.e., adult with gills)

Larvae and paedomorphs usually lack the red lateral stripe and resemble the Eastern Newt, with a thin, dark line extending from the snout through the eye and a yellow belly with small black dots, which may be lacking in the Striped Newt



Striped Newt adult



Eastern Newt (*Notophthalmus viridescens*) larva

Size: 0.3–2.0 in. (8–50 mm)



Eastern Newt paedomorph

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