



COMMON SALAMANDERS OF WESTERN NC

Lungless Salamanders *Phlethodontidae*



Dusky Salamander

- line from eye to jaw
- rounded tail
- salt and pepper belly



Red Salamander

- rounded tail
- golden eyes



Seal Salamander

- line from eye to jaw
- flattened tail
- pale belly



Red-backed Salamander

- salt and pepper belly
- no line from eye to jaw
- red stripe down back



Black-bellied Salamander

- line from eye to jaw
- black belly



Blue Ridge Two-lined Salamander

- golden colored
- one line down each side



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Mole Salamanders *Ambystoma*



Spotted Salamander

- thick body
- yellow spots



Mole Salamander

- round/blunt nose
- can be gray, brown, or black

True Salamanders *Notophthalmus*



Red Eft stage



Aquatic stage

Red-Spotted Newt

- juvenile and adults are brown & completely aquatic
- red spots inside black rings
- red eft stage is bright red and can be found far from water

Giant Salamanders



Hellbender Salamander *Cryptobranchus*

- large flat head
- up to 2 1/2 feet long
- many skin folds



Mudpuppy Salamander *Necturus*

- up to 1 1/2 feet long
- purely aquatic
- large feathery gills