**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

True Salamanders *Notophthalmus*
- 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

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