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Northern dusky salamander

Likely to be designated as threatened or vulnerable in Quebec



CHARACTERISTICS



- Triangle-shaped head.
- Pale line between eye and corner of mouth.
- Brown body speckled with black, pale belly.
- Hind legs larger than front legs.
- Breathes through its skin: it depends on the quality of the water and the humidity of the forest floor along streams.



Mid-June and late August



Spring or autumn

HABITAT



- Intermittent or permanent watercourses, especially forest and mountain streams.
- Near seepage areas, moss-covered muddy soils.
- The species can venture up to 60 meters outside watercourses.

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THREATS



- Deforestation and road construction near watercourses and crossings, which affect water quality (sedimentation, increased turbidity or temperature).
- Modification of the water regime (reduction in water flow or conversion of permanent watercourses into temporary or intermittent watercourses causing surface water to dry up).

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Follow the recommendations in the *Mountain streams* fact sheet.



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