



Barton Springs Salamander

Eurycea sosorum

Date of Listing: Endangered, 1997

Size: Up to 2.5 inches long

Diet: Amphipods, earthworms and brine shrimp

Where it Lives: Spring outflow at Barton Springs

Reproduction: Little is known

The Barton Springs Salamander does not metamorphose and has a set of bright red external gills which are located on both sides of its neck that it keeps throughout its entire life. The coloring on its back and sides varies from pale purple-brown to a yellowish cream. It has four toes on its front feet and five toes on its back feet. It is strictly aquatic and can be found under rock, in gravel, among aquatic plants and algae in the spring outflow at Barton Springs in Barton Creek in Austin, Texas.



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