



Anderson's Crocodile Newt (*Echinotriton andersoni*)

Size: Head and body length, 13 - 16 cm **Weight:** 12 - 45 g **Habitat:** Forests, grasslands and swamps with constantly humid ground cover **Surviving number:** Unknown



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Hard to swallow. Anderson's crocodile newt deters predators like the introduced mongoose by piercing its own skin with its sharp-tipped ribs to show that it would be a pain to eat – quite literally. A predator itself, this warty salamander's tastes run to beetles, earthworms, spiders and terrestrial isopods. Home is leaf litter, rocky crevices and the underside of rocks

and logs on six small Japanese islands. But serious habitat loss and collection for the illegal pet trade are making life very hard.

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