

IMAGO RANGERS

The Facts:

Did you know that an old French word for salamander meant: "legendary lizard-like creature that can live in fire." In reality, Salamanders are



Amphibians, which means: they are cold-blooded, (no fire please), have a backbone, and have no scales. They can live in water OR on land. Other amphibians are frogs, toads, and newts.

Salamanders are from the late **Jurassic Period!** While mammals were figuring out what worked best in their natural environment, these little guys were already pros.

Eco-Indicators

Amphibians have very specific habitat needs and are affected by environmental hazards such as pesticides and loss of habitat. Finding amphibians in your woods is a great indicator of your environment's health. Having lots of amphibians around means there is a thriving environment! Go out into your backyard or woods nearby and see if you find anything!

Salamanders really love shady, cool, dark and moist areas: such as under logs and rocks. **Important: If you do find a salamander, be very very gentle. At best, hold them with your eyes. Return any upturned stones and logs to where you left them.** Here in Ohio, the most common salamander is the **Red-Back Salamander**.



Today's activity will be focused on making salamander pals! You'll need: string, scissors and thickish paper (like cereal box thickness). Thickish paper works best, but regular paper will work fine too. You'll also want things to decorate your new friend.



Follow the template Miss Sara created ([Salamander Template](#)). When you've cut out your template, place it over your cardboard. Draw an outline using your template. It's ready to be cut out with your scissors, be careful cutting out the arms and tail. When your salamander is fully cut out, decorate as desired!

You can color it or wrap your salamander in cool yarn colors (like Ms. Sara did).

Journal Prompt

Take a stroll through time: You're a salamander from the Jurassic Period, what do you see?

Share your Findings or Creations with us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

Tomorrow's Theme: Frog Storytime with Mr. Chris! 10:30 on Imago's Facebook Page

Time to explore!
Maura, Mud Queen

Salamander Pal