



Barton Springs Salamander Species Information

Scientific Name: *Eurycea sosorum*

Family: Plethodontidae

Description: Like the Texas blind and San Marcos salamanders, the Barton Springs salamander does not metamorphose into a terrestrial form and retains its bright red external gills throughout life and depends on a constant supply of clean water (in this case from Barton Springs). The Barton Springs salamander's diet is believed to consist almost entirely of amphipods and other small invertebrates. Adults can grow to a length of about 7.6 centimeters (3 inches). Observations of larvae and females with eggs indicate breeding occurs year-round.

Status: It was listed as endangered in 1997.

Native Area: This species lives only in the habitat of Barton Springs in Austin, TX.



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