



Illinois ENDANGERED & THREATENED SPECIES



spotted dusky salamander *Desmognathus conanti* [state endangered]

The spotted dusky salamander lives in woodland seeps and cold springs or streams. This salamander is very alert and quick. Breeding occurs in spring and fall. The female stays with the eggs and sometimes eats them. Hatching occurs in one to two months depending on the temperature. The larvae reach the water by wriggling. This salamander eats earthworms, slugs and arthropods (spiders, insects, mites and others).

Reasons for Concern

- water quality issues
- habitat loss

