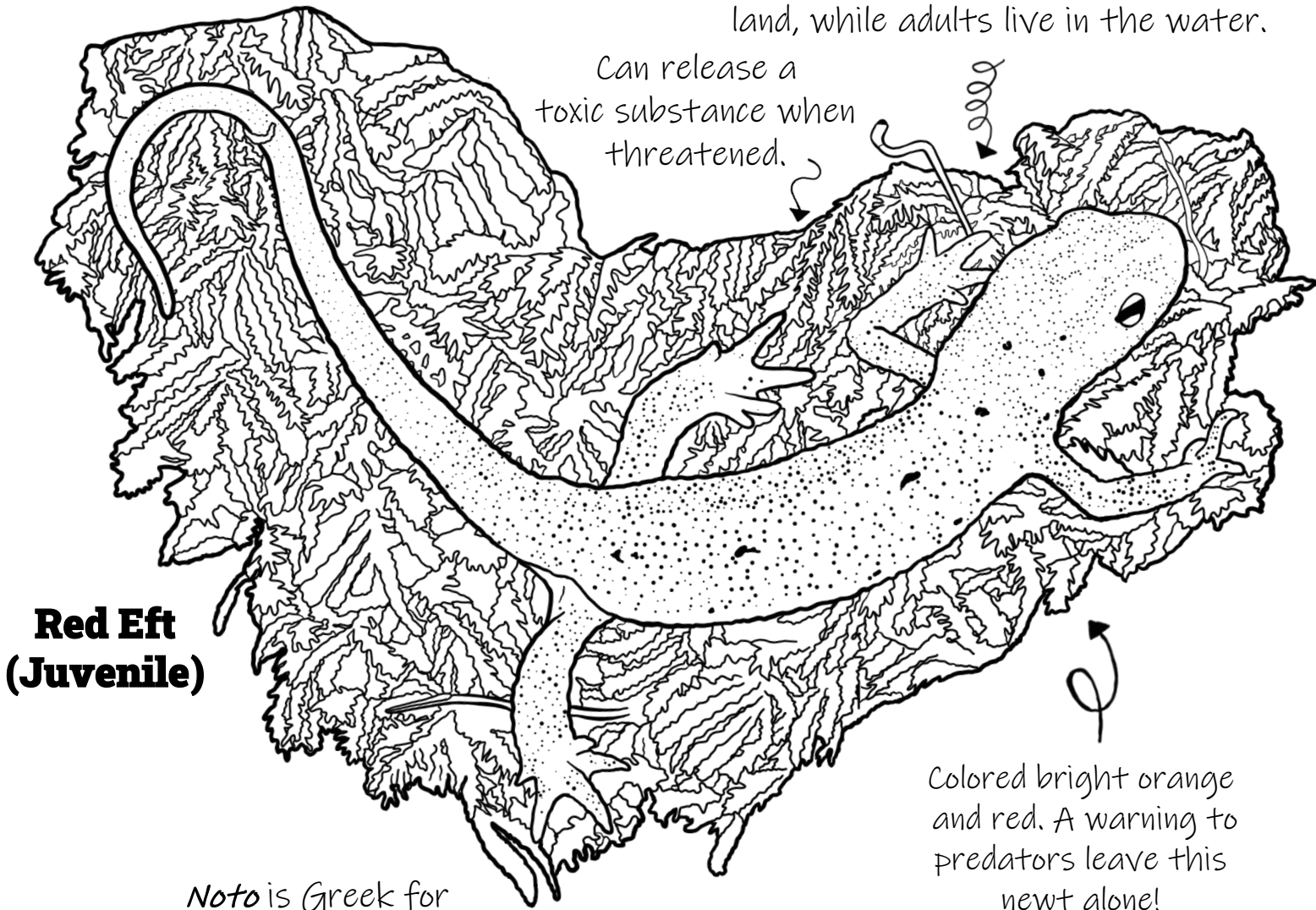


Get to Know: The Red Spotted Newt

The red spotted newt is common in Ohio, most often found in forest habitats which have plenty of water nearby.

These newts have a very unique lifecycle among salamanders. Juveniles (red eft) are found on land, while adults live in the water.



**Red Eft
(Juvenile)**

Can release a toxic substance when threatened.

Colored bright orange and red. A warning to predators leave this newt alone!

Noto is Greek for "mark", and *ophthalmus* means "eye," this refers to the eye shapes on the Newt's back.

Latin name:

Notophthalmus viridescens

Viridescens is Latin meaning "slightly green," the color of the adult newt.



For more visit: www.FairfieldCountyParks.org

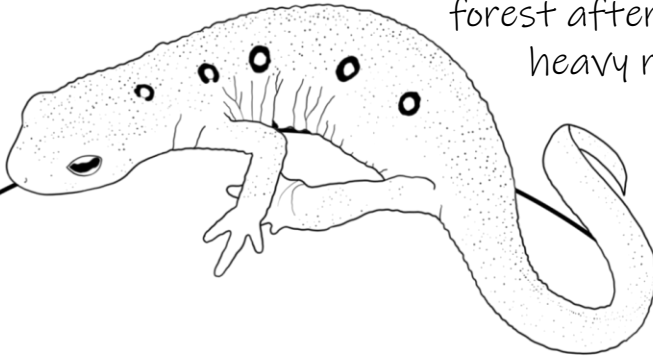
Lifecycle of a Red Spotted Newt



The red spotted newt has a unique lifecycle. Most salamanders live in the water as young, then live on land as an adult. It is the opposite for this newt!

Red Eft

The red eft lives on land and is commonly be found in the forest after a heavy rain.



After a few months, the larva loses its gills and begins to use lungs instead. The young then emerge from the water and live on land.

After a few years, the newt again begins to change. Its tail becomes wider, its skin turns slimy and green. The newt is now ready to return to the water, where it will spend the rest of its life!

Larva



Gills

Eggs hatch into larvae. These young newts eat and grow.

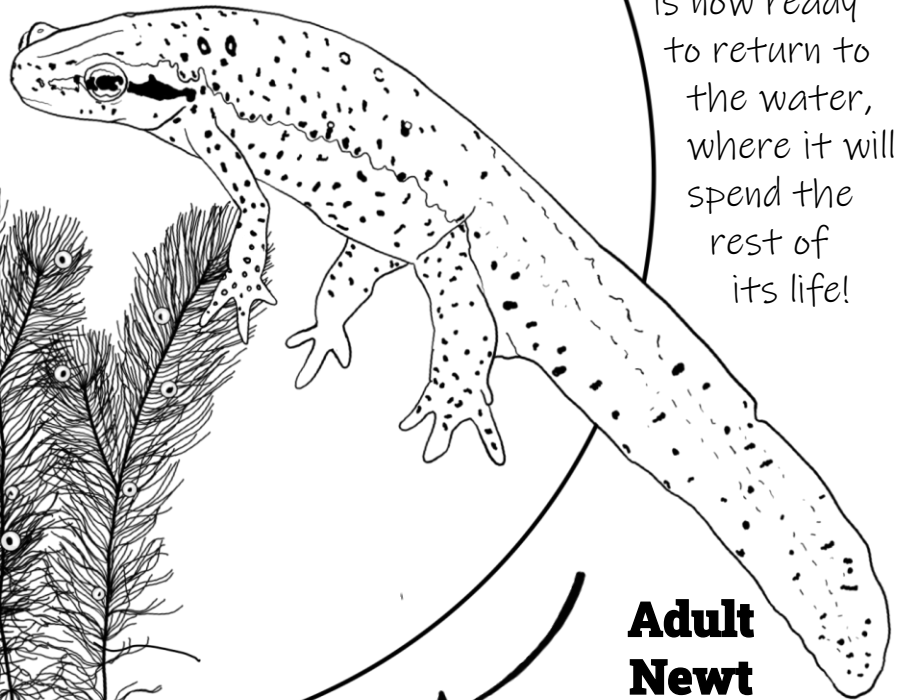
Eggs

Several hundred eggs are laid on underwater plants during the spring months.



Adult Newt

Adult newts live in the water, and have a lifespan of 12-15 years!



Common Spring Amphibians

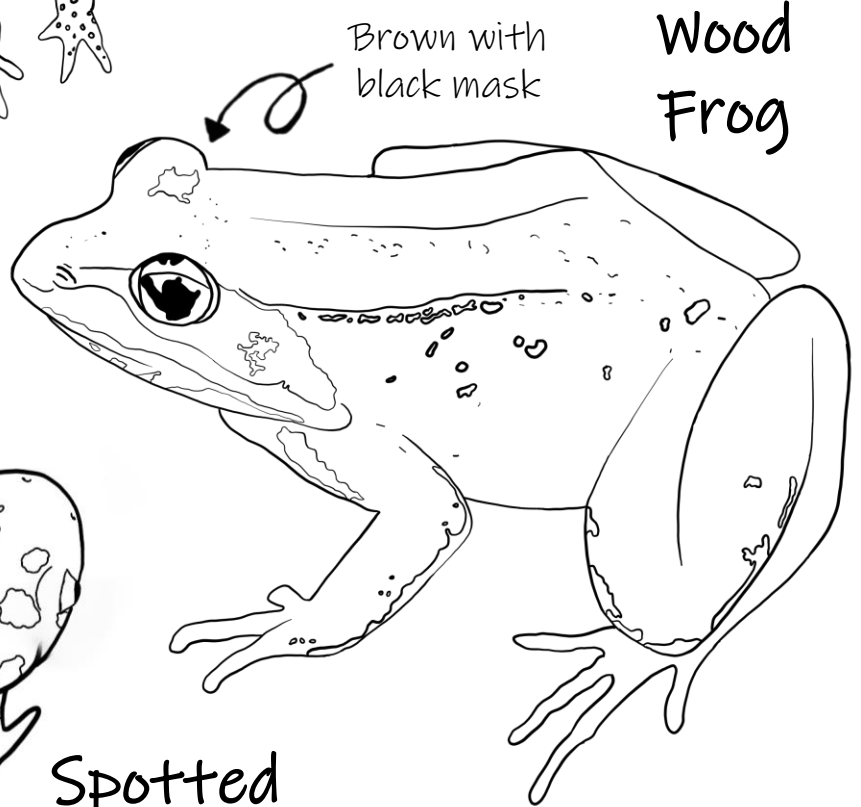


Color in some of Ohio's most common spring amphibians!



Green and yellow with red spots

Red Spotted Newt



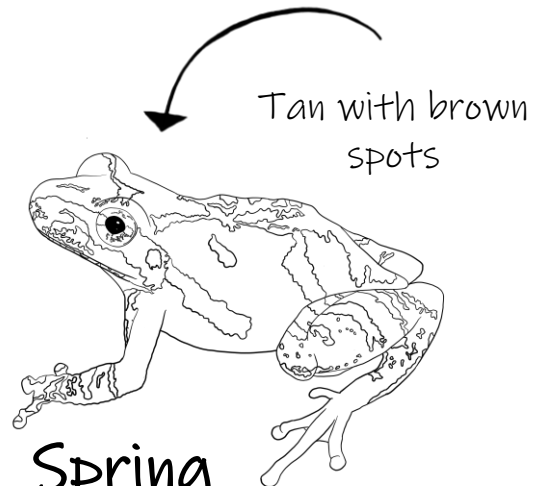
Brown with black mask

Wood Frog



Dark with yellow spots

Spotted Salamander




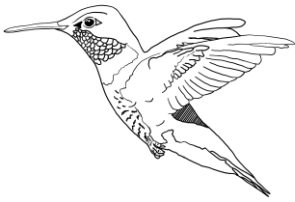


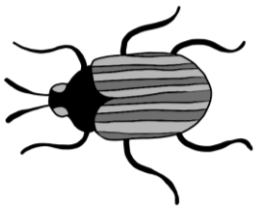

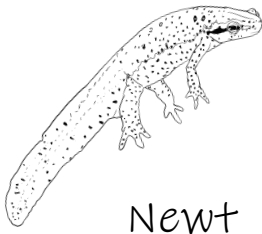
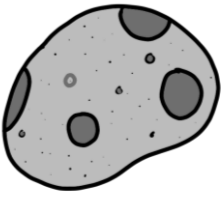




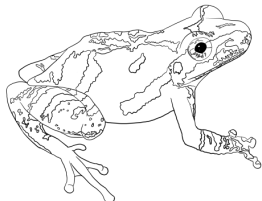
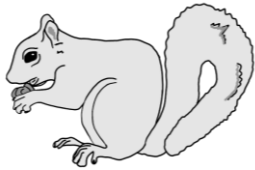


Tan with brown spots

Spring Peeper

Spring Scavenger Hunt



Go for a walk and see how many of the following things you can find:

 <p>Rabbit</p>	 <p>Hummingbird</p>	 <p>Feather</p>	 <p>Mushroom</p>
 <p>Beetle</p>	 <p>Deer</p>	 <p>Newt</p>	 <p>Smooth Rock</p>
 <p>Yellow Flower</p>	 <p>Moth</p>	 <p>Woodpecker</p>	 <p>Aquatic Plant</p>
 <p>Frog</p>	 <p>Squirrel</p>	 <p>Sprouting Plant</p>	 <p>Honey Bee</p>