

Native Utah Amphibians

June 1-7, 2020 is the first ever annual, international [Amphibian Week](#). Learn more about amphibians that live near you!

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Discover Amphibians

Utah might be a desert state, but it is home to a diversity of slimy amphibians who depend on our water habitats. Amphibians are cold-blooded animals that spend their early lives from egg to larva exclusively in the water and typically come onto land and breathe air as an adult. Animals that are classified as amphibians include frogs, toads, salamanders, newts, and legless amphibians known as caecilians. The only type of Salamander found in Utah is the Tiger Salamander. Tiger salamanders can survive in almost any habitat type, as long as water is found close by. Like most amphibians, Tiger Salamanders lay their eggs in collections of water where their young hatch. Water is essential for two reasons:

1. The larval stage of the salamander life cycle is aquatic.
2. The terrestrial adults return to water to breed.

Amphibian skin is sensitive to man-made pollutants, as their skin is highly absorptive. The presence of amphibians is a good indicator that a habitat is healthy.

More Ways to Explore*

Learn more about the different species of amphibians you can find in Utah by checking visiting the [State of Utah Division of Wildlife Resources website](#).

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