

Four-toed Salamander

Four-toed Salamander (*Hemidactylium scutatum*) - Pl.26

Identification: 2" - 4". The Four-toed Salamander has a brown back and gray sides, with dark speckles on the back and sides. It has three key identifying characteristics. First, both the hind feet and the front feet have four toes whereas most salamanders have five toes on each hind foot. Second, its underside is white with black spots. Third, it has a constriction at the base of the tail that marks where the tail can break off.

Where to find them: Wooded swamps and fens featuring a thick carpet of sphagnum moss.

When to find them: Active April through September.

Range: Entire state.

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Key Features

- Four toes on hind foot and fore foot.
- Brownish black and gray sides with dark speckles.
- White belly marked with black spots.
- Obvious constriction at base of tail.



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