

Northern Two-lined Salamander

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(Eurycea bislineata)

Identification: 2 1/2" - 4 3/4". Ground color varies from greenish-yellow to yellow to orangish. A broad light stripe runs down the back from head to tail, bordered by a dark line on each side (hence, the two lines in the name). The dark lines may become intermittent towards the tail. There are typically small black spots in the light middorsal stripe. The underside is yellow. In the adult, the tail can be over half the animal's total length and is flattened laterally. The Two-lined Salamander is New Jersey's most common stream salamander.

Where to find them: Inhabits both pristine and minimally degraded streams. It is typically found in streams, under streamside debris, or in wet areas near springs or seeps. In warm, wet weather it may be found away from water in surrounding wooded areas.

When to find them: All year round.

Range: All of Northern Region. Southern Region: western Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester Counties.

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Key Features

- Two dark lines present along dorsal surface and extend from the eyes to the tail.
- Yellowish ground color.
- Tail more half the length of the body.



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