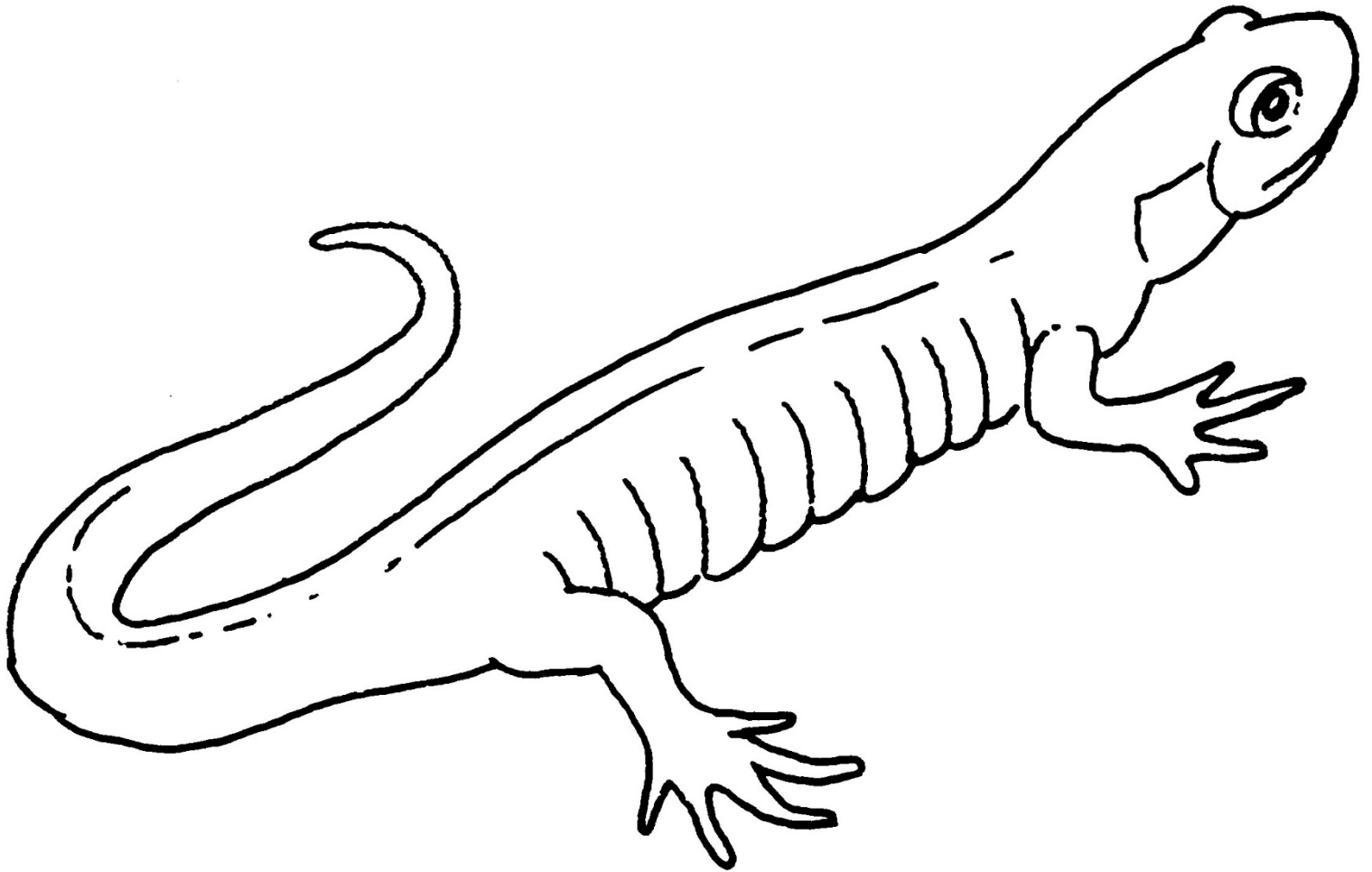




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# Jefferson Salamander



*All About Me:* Hello there! I am a Jefferson Salamander. I am a mole salamander, so I like to be underground. We are one of PA's largest salamanders, reaching sizes from just over four to seven inches. We are long and slender with a wide snout and long toes. Our backs and sides are brownish gray with a lighter-colored belly. Younger ones have small, bluish speckles on the head, limbs and sides, but these tend to disappear with age. We have 12 costal grooves, which are the folds on our sides. We prefer damp forestland, especially deciduous woods located near swamps or ponds. We shelter under fallen trees or rotting vegetation and dig into the soft soil in these areas. Like other salamanders, we are carnivorous and eat small insects, grubs and worms. Scientists believe we can be found in limited numbers in all of PA's 67 Counties.