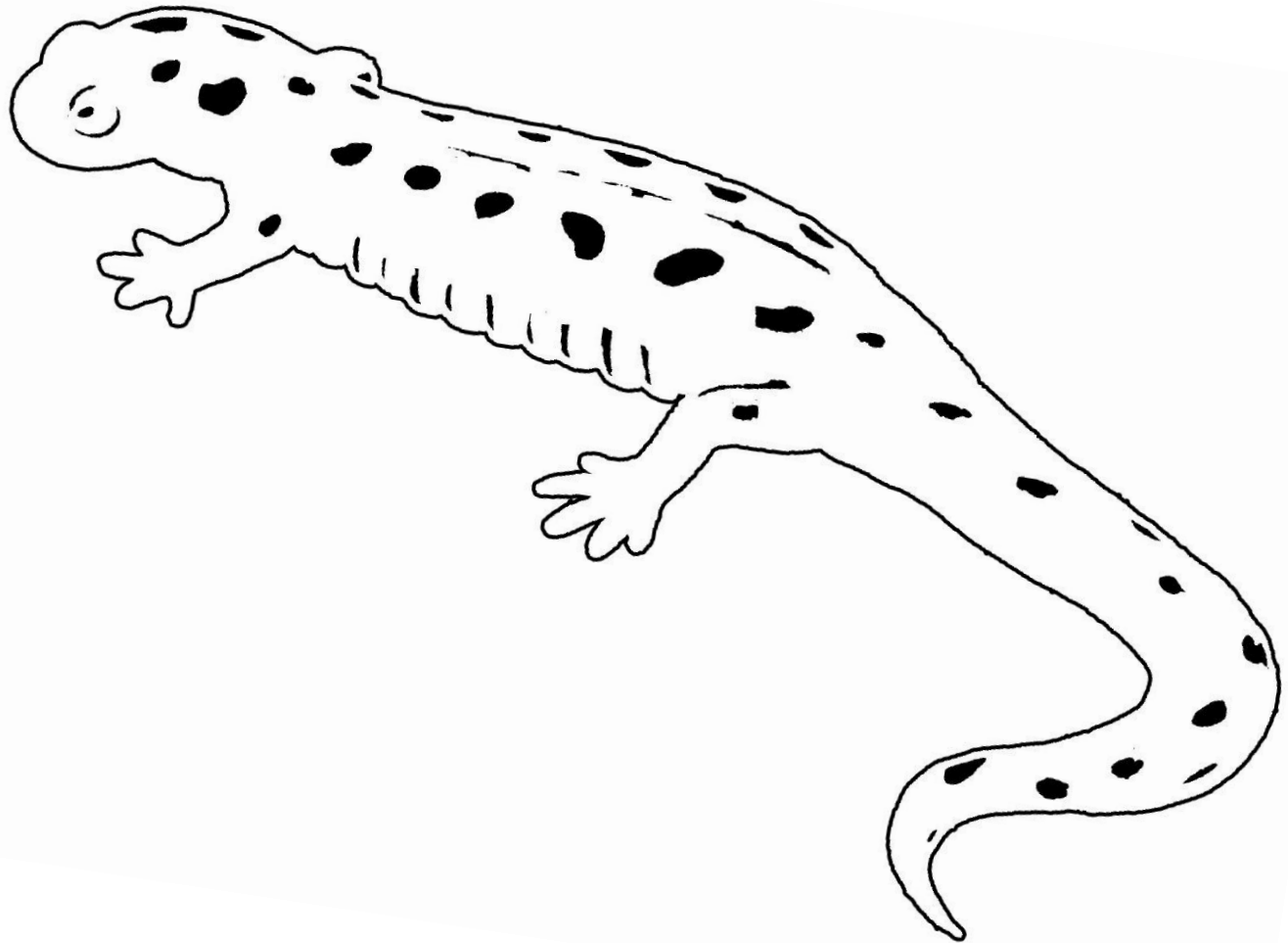




PA's Amphibian and Reptile Coloring Series

Spotted Salamander



All About Me: Hello! I am a Spotted Salamander! We are one of PA's most common salamanders, but we're rarely seen because we like to live underground. We are nocturnal as well. We range from six to nearly eight inches in length. We are named for the large spots that are an easy way to identify us. Two rows of yellow or orange spots run along our bodies. The spots on the head usually are orange even though the spots on the rest of the body could be yellow. Our base color ranges from black, to blue-black, to dark gray or dark brown. Our bellies are slate gray. A stout body begins with a round snout that is blunt and punctuated with large, dark eyes. We have 12 costal grooves (side folds). We reside across PA. We love to live in hardwood forests as long as a pond (which could be temporary) or other wetland is nearby. Hillsides and other areas around woodland ponds are irresistible places for us to live. We do appear in early spring with warm rains and rising air temperatures to nearby ponds or pools as we migrate to lay our eggs. We hunt at night for worms, slugs, spiders and insects.