

# RED-TAILED KNOBBY NEWT

*Tylototriton kweichowensis*

Fang & Chang, 1932



## CLASSIFICATION

**Class:** Amphibia

**Order:** Caudata

**Family:** Salamandridae

No recognized subspecies



NOT LISTED

RARE



## VULNERABLE

**Identification :** Adults can reach a total length of 21 cm. Large newt, females being bigger than males. Flat triangular head. Black head and body with broad longitudinal orange bands on flanks and back. Tail entirely orange. Orange knobs on flanks.

**Range:** The species occurs in eastern Asia and is endemic to China, being found in western Guizhou and north-east Yunnan provinces.

**Habitat :** Montane and hilly grasslands, near ponds and pools from 1500 to 2400 m.

**Behavior:** The species can be found on land but never very far from water. It feeds on insects and their larvae, and worms. Very toxic species. Breeds in the water.

**Status in the wild:** The species has a very small and now highly fragmented range. Numbers in the wild are still declining due to loss of habitat and capture for trade.

**In captivity:** The species is very rare in public collections and displayed in less than 10 zoos around the world, including 2 of them in Europe. It may have yet to be bred in zoos but it has been bred in private collections where it is much commoner.