

## **Getting to know Chilliwack's Species at Risk**

**Species at risk profile:** Coastal Giant Salamander, *Dicamptodon tenebrosus*

### **What it looks like:**

A large-sized salamander (up to 35 cm) with a long, thick body, and mottled skin. [Click here for more identification details.](#)

### **Where it lives:**

This salamander is found in the cool, clear streams and the forests of Vedder Mountain and the Chilliwack River Valley. [Visit this map for location details.](#)

### **What it eats:**

Adults are predators that feed on insects, slugs, shrews, mice, and other salamanders.

### **What are its main threats in the Fraser Valley?**

Mountainside habitat loss and disturbances.

### **Did you know?**

- Is the largest salamander in Canada and found only in the Fraser Valley.
- Some adults never transform from their aquatic stage. Instead, they retain their gills and dark skin, living in the stream for the rest of their lives.
- Will make a barking or croaking sound when startled.
- Click [here for more facts.](#)

### **How you can help:**

Check out this [guide](#) for specific Coastal Giant Salamander land management recommendations.

Join the [Nature Stewards](#) program for personalized property advice.

Spot a Coastal Giant Salamander? – take a photo, record the location, and send it to [outreach@fraservalleyconservancy.ca](mailto:outreach@fraservalleyconservancy.ca).

For any questions about this or other species at risk, contact the [Fraser Valley Conservancy](#).