

California Wildlife Habitat Relationships System
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
California Interagency Wildlife Task Group

SCOTT BAR SALAMANDER

Plethodon asupak

Family: PLETHODONTIDAE

Order: CAUDATA

Class: AMPHIBIA

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(based on accounts for *P. stormi* and *P. elongatus* as written by M. Marangio,
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DISTRIBUTION, ABUNDANCE, AND SEASONALITY

The Scott Bar salamander is a new species described by Mead et al. (2005) and found near the Klamath and Scott Rivers in northwestern Siskiyou Co., California. Associated with rocky forested areas, especially thick moss-covered talus.

SPECIFIC HABITAT REQUIREMENTS

Feeding: Probably feeds on small insects and other invertebrates, foraging on damp soil at ground surface and under surface objects.

Cover: Probably uses rock rubble at the base of talus slopes or under surface objects.

Reproduction: Unknown. Probably uses rock rubble of talus slopes.

Water: Free water not required.

Pattern: Presumed to be similar to *P. stormi* and *P. elongatus*; active on wet nights.

SPECIES LIFE HISTORY

Activity Patterns: Unknown. Probably nocturnal.

Seasonal Movements/Migration: No data.

Home Range: No data.

Territory: No data.

Reproduction: Breeding season unknown, probably spring.

REFERENCES

Mead, L. A., D. R. Clayton, R. S. Nauman, D. H. Olson, and M. E. Pfrender. 2005. Newly discovered populations of salamanders from Siskiyou County California represent a species distinct from *Plethodon stormi*. *Herpetologica* 61(2):158-177.

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