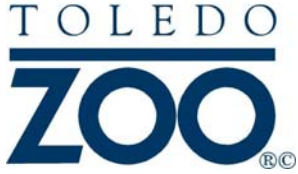




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More Northern Slimy Salamander Eggs at Toledo Zoo

Toledo, Ohio—Two of The Toledo Zoo's Northern slimy salamanders have laid clutches of eggs in their habitat, located in the Zoo's *Amazing Amphibians* exhibit. Northern slimy salamander eggs last hatched at The Toledo Zoo in January 2008 in what is believed to be the first ever successful hatching of this species in a zoo setting.

Successful salamander breedings are quite rare in zoo settings, and Toledo Zoo staff is closely monitoring the salamanders as they guard their eggs. At about six inches long, the Northern slimy salamander is a small amphibian native to the eastern and central portions of the United States, including the region east of the Toledo area. This breeding is part of an overall program that helps us maintain and breed many different species of salamanders, including those that face an uncertain future due to habitat loss and disease.

The eggs and their mothers, who are diligently protecting them, can be seen in the *Amazing Amphibians* exhibit, located in the Zoo's Museum of Science. The Toledo Zoo is active in amphibian conservation and preservation both at the Zoo and around the world. More information about The Toledo Zoo's amphibian conservation efforts can be found at the Zoo's website, www.toledozoo.org.

The Toledo Zoo is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (4 p.m. after Labor Day) and is located on the Anthony Wayne Trail (US 25), four miles south of downtown Toledo. For more information, please visit www.toledozoo.org or call (419) 385-4040. Lucas County residents are admitted free of charge each Monday from 10 a.m. to noon. ID showing proof of residency is required.

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