Montana's Uncommon Critters!

Coeur d'Alene Salamander

Pronounced "core duh-LANE," this is the mountain goat of salamanders. It lives in the Rocky Mountains on rocky slopes near streams and waterfalls. It's tiny—only about 2½ inches long—and mainly eats insects. Like many salamanders, this one spends most of its time underground. Sometimes it will stay below ground for up to seven months at a time. There it is safe from the harsh winter climate of the Rocky Mountains. Coeur d'Alene salamanders usually come out from between the rocks only at night.

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