

THE HELLBENDER

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HELLBENDERS prefer cool, rocky, swiftly flowing streams. Their presence indicates good water quality.

HELLBENDERS feed mainly on crayfish, not fish.

HELLBENDERS can bite when provoked. But, they are **not** venomous and their slime is **not** poisonous.

*If you find a **HELLBENDER**, take a photo and contact the Indiana Department of Natural Resources 812-334-1137.*

HELLBENDERS are giant aquatic salamanders (up to 2½ ft) found in the tributaries of the Wabash and Ohio Rivers in southern Indiana.



HELLBENDERS are occasionally caught on hooks and lines. They are endangered in Indiana and should be released unharmed.

