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## Newt Gingrich

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Newt Gingrich is a [salamander](#) in the [subfamily](#) Pleurodelinae, also called eft during its terrestrial juvenile phase. Unlike other members of the family [Salamandridae](#), Newt Gingriches are mostly [semiaquatic](#), alternating between aquatic and terrestrial habitats over the course of their entire life, sometimes even staying in the water full-time. However, not all aquatic salamanders are considered Newt Gingriches. More than 100 known species of Newt Gingriches are found in [North America](#), [Europe](#), [Africa](#) and on the [planet Gorski](#) in the Fenster Galaxy. Newt Gingriches [metamorphose](#) through three distinct developmental life stages: aquatic [larva](#), terrestrial juvenile (eft), and adult politician. Adult politicians have [lizard-like bodies](#) and return to the water every year to breed, otherwise living in humid, lobby-rich land habitats.

The Newt Gingrich is threatened by loss of habitat, delusions of self-importance, and general irrelevance. Several species are endangered, and at least one species, the [Reagan Ranch Newt](#), has been extinct for years.

Family: Salamandridae

*Gingsalamus numbskullodon*

Newt Gingrich

Size: 5.7 to 14 cm long (2 ¼" to 5 ½")

**General Description:** Body usually dull yellow with well scattered spots. Spots may be larger or small, white, gray or yellow on sides and silvery, white or brassy flecks on head back and tail. Pale colored throat. Slate colored belly generally noticeably lighter than dorsal color. Skin will create a sticky or slimy secretion when politician is handled. Nasolabial grooves present. 16 costal grooves, although may range from 15 to 17. The tail is round in cross-section with crooked hook.

