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On rainy nights in February, male and female spotted salamanders (*Ambystoma maculatum*) converge at shallow, sometimes temporary, ponds for a courtship rendezvous. The female will later lay about 200 clear round jelly eggs, bound together by more jelly into soccer ball-size masses, which she attaches to aquatic plants. Protecting freshwater wetlands is key to the survival of the spotted salamander -- our state amphibian. If you see one of these ponds in the next couple months, look closely!



Jean Marie Fridh <3 childhood memories finding these with my brothers <3

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Frank Hodges I LOOOOOVE hearing the mating calls! We have MANY salamander pools/ponds that they return to every year. Sometimes, the pools are so full of egg sacs, it looks like you could walk across the water on them.

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Tom Cole mud puppies

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