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The colorful pattern of green salamanders, *Aneides aeneus*, is like no other salamander found in the southeast. The body is black to brown with greenish to yellow patches on the head and back that resemble lichens. The green salamander has a flattened body, with long legs and square toe tips, which are all adaptations for tree climbing and fitting into narrow crevices. The green salamander is found along the Appalachian Mountains from Alabama to Pennsylvania. A separate and smaller population occurs in South Carolina along the Blue Ridge Escarpment. A dramatic decline in their population in the 1970's led to listing under the Endangered Species Act.

