

Bodily Features

Body Color Dark brown with black spots.

Body Surface With a viscous liquid covering their skin, they are quite slippery.

When they are excited, a white sticky liquid secretes from the skin.

The blood vessels closer to the surface absorb oxygen through the skin.

Body With strong muscle power, once it moves you won't be able to catch it.

As they are cold-blooded, their body temperature is close to that of their current surrounding water.

Warts Warts cover most of the head and body. The warts on the body are organs down the side designed to help feel movements in the water, but the purpose of the warts on the head is not yet understood.

Nose With a nostril facing upwards from the nose, they occasionally lift up from the water to breathe air. They absorb oxygen both through the lungs and through their skin.

Mouth They have a large mouth. They can capture fish and water within a moment.

Teeth They have lots of small sharp teeth on both their upper and lower jaw.

Deeper back in their upper jaw they also have another plank-shaped set of sharp teeth.

Ears Although you can't see them from the outside, they have inner ears which appear to help with their sense of equilibrium.

Tail They have a long tail that stands flat. If they wave their tail it can create strong waves. The tail also is used to store fat.

Cloaca On the stomach near to the tail joint is the cloaca. When males enter their reproductive cycle, this area swells.



Eyes They have small eyes with a diameter of just 1-2mm. They have white eyes with a black pupil, and can see very well despite the small size, though it isn't understood yet just how well.

Gills They have gills on the side of their body. It is thought that they are there to help increase the surface area of the skin in order to absorb more oxygen.

Legs They have short legs, and move by crawling along the riverbed. Because of this, the underneath of the legs is the only place without the viscous liquid, so they don't slip. They have four toes on their front feet, and five on their back feet, just like a frog.