Austin's Salamanders

Austin is home to three species of aquatic salamander that occur no where else in the world except in and around this city: Barton Springs salamander, Austin Blind salamander, and Jollyville Plateau salamander.

These salamanders live under water their entire lives and oxygen exchange occurs through their skin and gills.

Color

Barton Springs Salamander – cream to pale pink to lavender
Austin Blind Salamander – pearly white to lavender
Jollyville Plateau Salamander – light brown
Gills on all species are bright pink or red.

The Barton Springs Salamander was listed as an endangered species in 1997.

Learn more at:
austintexas.gov/department/salamanders