## **Distinguishing Spotted Salamanders from Tiger Salamanders**

**Spotted salamanders** were documented in Minnesota in 2001 and are known to occur in Pine and Carlton counties. This species inhabits mature mixed deciduous-coniferous forests and breeds in shallow woodland pools.

- Rounded yellow spots occur in two irregular rows down the back
- Spots on the head may be orange
- Unmarked gray belly







Email a report -including photos- to: mcbs.e-report@state.mn.us or call the toll-free MBS Animal Report Line: 1-888-345-1730

The **Tiger salamander** occurs throughout most of Minnesota and closely resembles the Spotted Salamander. Tiger salamanders live in a variety of habitats including residential and agricultural areas. They are often found trapped in window wells after spring or fall rains.

• Yellow spots occur on the back, sides, belly and are highly variable in size and pattern.



