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Animal Fact Sheet

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African cichlid

Varies (e.g., Pseudotropheus zebra, Haplochromis burtoni)

African cichlids are a diverse group of freshwater fish native primarily to the Great Rift Valley lakes of East Africa, especially Lakes Malawi, Tanganyika, and Victoria. They are renowned for their …

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Cichlidae
Habitat: Freshwater lakes and rivers
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Varies by species (from Least Concern to Critically Endangered)
Lifespan: 5-10 years
Weight: 20-250 grams
Scientific name: Varies (e.g., Pseudotropheus zebra, Haplochromis burtoni)

Did you know?

- African cichlids are one of the fastest-evolving vertebrate groups on Earth, with hundreds of new species appearing in just a few thousand years.
- African cichlids display some of the most intricate parental care behaviors among fish, including mouthbrooding, where parents protect eggs and fry i…

What I learned

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