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African cichlid

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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

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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
