

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Alligator gar

*Atractosteus spatula*

The alligator gar is one of the largest freshwater fish species in North America, renowned for its broad, alligator-like snout and dual rows of sharp teeth. It possesses a torpedo-shaped body covered...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Fish**Family:** Lepisosteidae**Habitat:** Slow-moving freshwater rivers, lakes, and bayous**Diet:** Carnivore**Conservation status:** Least Concern**Lifespan:** 20-50 years**Weight:** 45–137 kg (100–300 lbs)**Scientific name:** *Atractosteus spatula*

### Did you know?

- Despite their size and intimidating appearance, there are no confirmed reports of alligator gars attacking humans.
- Alligator gars can breathe both air and water thanks to their vascularized swim bladders. They are sometimes called 'living fossils' because their li...

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