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Animal Fact Sheet

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Asian Carp

Hypophthalmichthys molitrix, Hypophthalmichthys nobilis, Ctenopharyngodon idella, Mylopharyngodon piceus

Asian carp refers collectively to several species of freshwater fish native to East Asia, including the silver carp, bighead carp, grass carp, and black carp. These fish are known for their rapid gro…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Cyprinidae
Habitat: Freshwater rivers, lakes, and reservoirs
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-20 years
Weight: 2-40 kg (4-88 lbs), depending on species
Scientific name: Hypophthalmichthys molitrix, Hypophthalmichthys nobilis, Ctenopharyngodon idella, Mylopharyngodon piceus

Did you know?

- The silver carp is known for its jumping behavior, which can result in injuries to boaters when startled by the sound of boat motors.
- Asian carp can leap up to 3 meters (10 feet) out of the water when disturbed. Some species can lay over a million eggs in a single spawning season. T…

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