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# Animal Fact Sheet

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# Atlantic sturgeon

*Acipenser oxyrinchus*

The Atlantic sturgeon is armoured with bony scutes rather than scales, has a skeleton that is largely cartilage, and finds its food without ever seeing it. Four barbels drag along the bottom, and the…

## Quick facts

**Classification:** Fish
**Family:** Acipenseridae
**Habitat:** Coastal oceans and large freshwater rivers
**Diet:** Carnivore
**Conservation status:** Critically Endangered
**Lifespan:** 30-60 years
**Weight:** 100–360 kg (220–790 lbs)
**Scientific name:** Acipenser oxyrinchus

## Did you know?

- Atlantic sturgeon can live longer than most other North American fish, sometimes reaching over 60 years of age.
- American sturgeon roe was so abundant in the nineteenth century that it was given away free in bars as a salty snack to make people drink more. Sturg…

## What I learned

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