

Animal Fact Sheet

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Balloon molly

Poecilia sphenops

The balloon molly is a selectively bred variety of the common molly fish, known for its distinctive rounded, balloon-like body shape. This unique physique is the result of intentional breeding for a ...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish**Family:** Poeciliidae**Habitat:** Freshwater streams, rivers, and ponds**Diet:** Omnivore**Conservation status:** Least Concern**Lifespan:** 2-5 years**Weight:** 3-8 grams**Scientific name:** *Poecilia sphenops*

Did you know?

- Despite their cute appearance, the balloon molly's body shape is considered a deformity and can sometimes lead to health issues, such as swim bladder...
- Balloon mollies are not found in the wild; their unique body shape is the result of selective breeding in captivity. They can tolerate slightly brack...

What I learned
