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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

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