

Animal Fact Sheet

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Bristlenose Pleco

Ancistrus sp.

The Bristlenose Pleco is a small, armored catfish known for its distinctive bristle-like appendages on the snout, particularly prominent in males. Native to freshwater rivers and streams of South Ame...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Loricariidae

Habitat: Freshwater rivers and streams

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 5-8 years

Weight: 30-60 grams

Scientific name: *Ancistrus sp.*

Did you know?

- Unlike many fish, Bristlenose Plecos can breathe air thanks to a modified stomach that functions similarly to a lung.
- Bristlenose Plecos are one of the smallest species of plecos, rarely growing beyond 6 inches in length. Their unique bristles are used for both mate ...

What I learned
