

Animal Fact Sheet

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Butterfly peacock bass

Cichla ocellaris

The butterfly peacock bass is a vibrant freshwater fish native to the rivers and lakes of northern South America, particularly the Amazon Basin. Known for its striking yellow, green, and black colors...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Cichlidae

Habitat: Freshwater rivers, lakes, and canals

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 6-10 years

Weight: 2–4 kg (4.4–8.8 lbs)

Scientific name: *Cichla ocellaris*

Did you know?

- Despite their name, butterfly peacock bass are not true bass—they belong to the cichlid family and are more closely related to angelfish than to largemouth bass.
- Butterfly peacock bass are renowned for their explosive strikes when hooked, making them a favorite among sport fishers. Unlike most cichlid species,...

What I learned
