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Animal Fact Sheet

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Common carp

Cyprinus carpio

Cyprinus carpio is native to the Danube and the drainages of the Black and Caspian Seas, not to East Asia as often assumed, though it was domesticated independently in China and later in medieval Eur…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Cyprinidae
Habitat: Freshwater rivers, lakes, and ponds
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 15-20 years (can exceed 40 years in captivity)
Weight: 2–14 kg (4.4–30.9 lbs), occasionally up to 40 kg (88 lbs)
Scientific name: Cyprinus carpio

Did you know?

- Some common carp have been known to live for over 40 years in captivity, making them one of the longest-lived freshwater fish species.
- Common carp is one of the most farmed fish on Earth by tonnage, having been raised in ponds for well over a thousand years. In Australia's Murray-Dar…

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