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Animal Fact Sheet

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Firemouth cichlid

Thorichthys meeki

The Firemouth cichlid is a striking freshwater fish native to Central America, recognized for its vivid red-orange coloration along the throat and underside. Males are especially colorful and display…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Cichlidae
Habitat: Freshwater rivers and lagoons
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 8-10 years
Weight: 30-60 grams
Scientific name: Thorichthys meeki

Did you know?

- During breeding, Firemouth cichlids become highly territorial and will fiercely defend their nest—even against much larger fish.
- Firemouth cichlids are named for the brilliant red coloring on their throats, which they flare to intimidate rivals and attract mates. Both parents t…

What I learned

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