

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
