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## Flying gurnard

*Dactylopterus volitans*

The flying gurnard is a distinctive marine fish known for its large, wing-like pectoral fins that can flare out like a fan, often displaying vibrant blue edges. Despite its name, it does not actually...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Fish

**Family:** Dactylopteridae

**Habitat:** Shallow coastal ocean

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 3-5 years

**Weight:** 0.5-1.5 kg

**Scientific name:** *Dactylopterus volitans*

### Did you know?

- The flying gurnard can produce audible grunting sounds using its swim bladder, a rare trait among fish.
- Flying gurnards can flare their large pectoral fins to appear much larger and ward off predators. Although they look like they might fly, they use th...

### What I learned

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