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Animal Fact Sheet

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Freshwater angelfish

Pterophyllum scalare

The freshwater angelfish is a striking cichlid native to the slow-moving rivers and flooded forests of the Amazon Basin in South America. Recognized for their tall, triangular bodies and elongated fi…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Cichlidae
Habitat: Slow-moving freshwater rivers and flooded forests
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 8-10 years
Weight: up to 15 grams
Scientific name: Pterophyllum scalare

Did you know?

- Despite their delicate appearance, freshwater angelfish can be territorial and display complex social hierarchies, especially during breeding.
- Freshwater angelfish are known for their strong parental instincts, often guarding and fanning their eggs. Their laterally compressed bodies allow th…

What I learned

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