

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
