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Animal Fact Sheet

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Ghost Knifefish

Apteronotus albifrons

The Ghost Knifefish is a fascinating freshwater fish known for its elongated, laterally compressed body and undulating fin that runs along its underside, giving it a knife-like appearance. Native to …

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Apteronotidae
Habitat: Freshwater rivers and streams
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-15 years
Weight: 200-500 grams
Scientific name: Apteronotus albifrons

Did you know?

- Despite their ghostly name, Ghost Knifefish are not albino; their name comes from their pale, ethereal coloration and nocturnal habits.
- Ghost Knifefish can produce weak electrical pulses to sense their surroundings and communicate with one another. Unlike most fish, they swim equally …

What I learned

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