

Animal Fact Sheet

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Goldfish

Carassius auratus

The goldfish is a small, brightly colored freshwater fish that is one of the most popular aquarium pets in the world. Native to East Asia, goldfish have been selectively bred for centuries, resulting...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Cyprinidae

Habitat: Freshwater ponds, lakes, and slow-moving rivers

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 10-15 years (can exceed 20 years in optimal conditions)

Weight: 0.1–2 kg

Scientific name: *Carassius auratus*

Did you know?

- A goldfish's coloration can fade or change depending on exposure to sunlight and diet, and without light, some goldfish may even turn completely whit...
- Goldfish have a remarkable memory span of several months and can be trained to respond to certain signals. They lack a stomach and digest food throug...

What I learned
