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Animal Fact Sheet

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Goldfish

Carassius auratus

The goldfish is a domesticated form of the Prussian carp lineage, Carassius auratus, bred in China from at least the Song dynasty, when captive crucian carp that carried a mutation for orange rather …

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 survive winters under ice by converting lactic acid into ethanol and excreting it through the gills - they effectively brew their way throug…

What I learned

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