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Animal Fact Sheet

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Guppy

Poecilia reticulata

Poecilia reticulata is the most-studied fish in evolutionary biology, because Trinidad's mountain streams gave researchers a natural experiment repeated dozens of times over. Waterfalls separate down…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Poeciliidae
Habitat: Freshwater streams, rivers, and ponds
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-3 years
Weight: 0.1–0.3 grams
Scientific name: Poecilia reticulata

Did you know?

- Guppies are named after Robert John Lechmere Guppy, who discovered the species in Trinidad in 1866.
- Female guppies prefer novel or rare male colour patterns, which keeps unusual males in the population and stops any single pattern taking over - a ra…

What I learned

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