

Animal Fact Sheet

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Jack Dempsey

Rocio octofasciata

The Jack Dempsey is a striking freshwater fish native to Central America, known for its iridescent blue, green, and gold flecks on a dark background. Named after the famous boxer due to its aggressiv...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Cichlidae

Habitat: Freshwater rivers, lakes, and swamps

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 8-10 years

Weight: 100-250 g

Scientific name: *Rocio octofasciata*

Did you know?

- Jack Dempseys are mouthbrooders, meaning both parents may carry eggs and fry in their mouths for protection.
- Jack Dempseys can change color based on mood or health, displaying either pale or vibrant hues. They are named after the 1920s heavyweight boxing cha...

What I learned
