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Animal Fact Sheet

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Lake sturgeon

Acipenser fulvescens

Acipenser fulvescens is a survivor of a lineage that predates most modern fish: sturgeon are cartilaginous-skeletoned bony fish armoured in rows of bony plates called scutes, with a heterocercal shar…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Acipenseridae
Habitat: Freshwater rivers and lakes
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Near Threatened
Lifespan: 50-150 years
Weight: 30–140 kg (66–308 lbs)
Scientific name: Acipenser fulvescens

Did you know?

- Despite their massive size and prehistoric appearance, lake sturgeon are harmless to humans and feed primarily on small invertebrates found in the se…
- Lake sturgeon leap clear of the water, sometimes repeatedly, for reasons still argued over - swim bladder regulation, communication and parasite remo…

What I learned

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