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Animal Fact Sheet

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Neon Tetra

Paracheirodon innesi

The neon tetra is a small, vibrantly colored freshwater fish native to the blackwater and clearwater streams of the Amazon Basin in South America. It is renowned for its iridescent blue lateral strip…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Characidae
Habitat: Freshwater streams and rivers
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 3-5 years
Weight: 0.8–1.2 grams
Scientific name: Paracheirodon innesi

Did you know?

- Neon tetras are bioluminescent, meaning their colors appear to glow under certain lighting conditions, which is a form of camouflage in their native …
- Neon tetras communicate using subtle body movements and color changes. Their shimmering colors help them blend into the dappled light of their natura…

What I learned

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