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Animal Fact Sheet

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Northern pike

Esox lucius

Esox lucius is built as a single-purpose ambush machine. Its dorsal and anal fins are set far back near the tail, so that almost the entire rear of the body acts as one large paddle, giving explosive…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Esocidae
Habitat: Freshwater lakes, rivers, and marshes
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-15 years
Weight: 2–16 kg (4.4–35 lbs), occasionally up to 28 kg (62 lbs)
Scientific name: Esox lucius

Did you know?

- Northern pike have been known to occasionally prey on waterfowl and even small mammals that venture near the water's edge.
- Pike teeth are not fixed — they are replaced continuously throughout life, and the old story that pike shed all their teeth in summer and stop feedin…

What I learned

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