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Animal Fact Sheet

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Northern Snakehead

Channa argus

Channa argus arrived in the American public imagination in 2002, when a Maryland angler pulled one from a pond in Crofton and the press christened it Frankenfish. The reality is less lurid than the t…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Channidae
Habitat: Freshwater rivers, lakes, and ponds
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 8-15 years
Weight: 2.5–7 kg
Scientific name: Channa argus

Did you know?

- A female Northern Snakehead can lay up to 100,000 eggs per year, making it highly capable of establishing new populations rapidly.
- Snakehead parents shepherd a dense, orange-red ball of fry and will charge a swimmer who gets close, which is how many Potomac sightings are made. It…

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