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Animal Fact Sheet

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Oscar cichlid

Astronotus ocellatus

The Oscar cichlid is a striking freshwater fish native to South America, particularly the Amazon River basin. Known for its vibrant coloration, which often includes patterns of orange, red, and black…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Cichlidae
Habitat: Freshwater rivers and floodplains
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-15 years
Weight: 1-1.6 kg
Scientific name: Astronotus ocellatus

Did you know?

- Oscars can rapidly change their coloration when stressed, excited, or during social interactions, often displaying more vivid or contrasting patterns.
- Oscar cichlids are capable of recognizing their owners and can even be trained to accept food from their hands. They are also known for their unique …

What I learned

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