

# 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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