

Animal Fact Sheet

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Rainbow Darter

Etheostoma caeruleum

The Rainbow Darter is a small, vibrantly colored freshwater fish native to streams and rivers of eastern North America. Males display striking blue and orange markings, especially during breeding sea...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Percidae

Habitat: Freshwater streams and rivers

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 3-4 years

Weight: 2-5 grams

Scientific name: *Etheostoma caeruleum*

Did you know?

- Despite their vivid colors, Rainbow Darters are rarely kept in home aquariums because they require fast-flowing, highly oxygenated water to thrive.
- Rainbow Darters lack a swim bladder, which allows them to stay close to the streambed without floating away. During breeding season, males become eve...

What I learned

