

Animal Fact Sheet

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Razorback sucker

Xyrauchen texanus

The razorback sucker is a large, long-lived freshwater fish native to the Colorado River Basin in the southwestern United States and northern Mexico. It is easily recognized by the sharp, keel-like r...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Catostomidae

Habitat: Large rivers and associated backwaters in arid and semi-arid regions

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Endangered

Lifespan: 20-40 years

Weight: 2-6 kg

Scientific name: *Xyrauchen texanus*

Did you know?

- Despite being endangered, some razorback suckers alive today were hatched before the construction of major Colorado River dams in the 1930s and 1940s.
- Razorback suckers can live for over 40 years, making them one of the longest-lived freshwater fish in North America. Their distinctive 'razorback' ri...

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