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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…

What I learned

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