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## Red-bellied Piranha

*Pygocentrus nattereri*

The red-bellied piranha is a medium-sized, freshwater fish renowned for its powerful jaws and sharp, triangular teeth. Native to South American rivers, particularly the Amazon Basin, these fish are o...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Fish

**Family:** Serrasalminidae

**Habitat:** Freshwater rivers and lakes

**Diet:** Omnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 4-10 years

**Weight:** 0.5–1.5 kg

**Scientific name:** *Pygocentrus nattereri*

### Did you know?

- Red-bellied piranhas are more likely to scavenge than to attack live prey, and large feeding frenzies usually occur only when food is scarce.
- Piranhas communicate with each other using sounds like barking, grunting, and croaking. Their razor-sharp teeth are interlocking and are replaced thr...

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