

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Redfin pickerel

*Esox americanus americanus*

The Redfin pickerel is a small freshwater fish native to the eastern United States, easily recognized by its slender, elongated body and distinctive bright red or orange fins. It features a long, poi...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Fish

**Family:** Esocidae

**Habitat:** Freshwater streams, ponds, and swamps

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 3-5 years

**Weight:** 0.2-0.45 kg

**Scientific name:** *Esox americanus americanus*

### Did you know?

- The Redfin pickerel can use rapid sideways lunges to snatch prey in the blink of an eye, thanks to its streamlined body and powerful tail.
- Redfin pickerel can remain motionless for long periods, waiting to ambush prey. Their vivid red fins are most pronounced in adults during the breedin...

### What I learned