

Animal Fact Sheet

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Redtail Shark

Epalzeorhynchus bicolor

The Redtail Shark is a striking freshwater fish known for its sleek, jet-black body and vibrant, red tail fin. Despite its common name, it is not a true shark but rather a type of cyprinid, closely r...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Cyprinidae

Habitat: Freshwater rivers and streams

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Critically Endangered

Lifespan: 5-8 years

Weight: 30-60 grams

Scientific name: *Epalzeorhynchus bicolor*

Did you know?

- Wild populations of Redtail Sharks are almost extinct due to habitat destruction, but the species is common in aquariums thanks to captive breeding.
- Redtail Sharks are known for their territorial nature, often staking out and defending a particular area in their habitat. Despite their aggressive t...

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