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## Shortnose sturgeon

*Acipenser brevirostrum*

The Shortnose sturgeon is a small, endangered species of sturgeon native to the eastern coast of North America. It is easily recognized by its short, broad snout and bony plates known as scutes that ...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Fish

**Family:** Acipenseridae

**Habitat:** Freshwater rivers and estuaries

**Diet:** Omnivore

**Conservation status:** Endangered

**Lifespan:** 30-60 years

**Weight:** 4–10 kg (9–22 lbs)

**Scientific name:** *Acipenser brevirostrum*

### Did you know?

- The Shortnose sturgeon can survive in both fresh and brackish water, and some individuals even migrate short distances into the sea.
- Shortnose sturgeon are considered living fossils, having changed little since the time of the dinosaurs. They use sensitive barbels to detect prey al...

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