

Animal Fact Sheet

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Shovelnose Sturgeon

Scaphirhynchus platyrhynchus

The Shovelnose Sturgeon is a small, freshwater sturgeon native to the Mississippi and Missouri River basins of North America. Recognized by its elongated, flattened snout and bony scutes along its bo...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Acipenseridae

Habitat: Large, turbid rivers with sandy or muddy bottoms

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 7-14 years

Weight: 2-7 kg (4.4-15.4 lbs)

Scientific name: *Scaphirhynchus platyrhynchus*

Did you know?

- Despite looking ancient, the Shovelnose Sturgeon is one of the more recently evolved sturgeon species in North America.
- Shovelnose Sturgeon are among the few sturgeon species that can be legally fished in some U.S. states. They use their sensitive barbels to detect pre...

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