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Siamese Fighting Fish

Betta splendens

Everything eye-catching about the Siamese fighting fish (Betta splendens) is an artefact of human selection. The wild fish of central Thailand's rice paddies and marshes is a drab greenish-brown anim…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Osphronemidae
Habitat: Shallow freshwater environments such as rice paddies, ponds, and slow-moving streams
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 2-5 years
Weight: 2.5-3.5 grams
Scientific name: Betta splendens

Did you know?

- Male Siamese fighting fish will fiercely fight other males, sometimes to the death, which is how they earned their name.
- Wild Betta splendens are dull brown with stubby fins; every colour and fin type in the shops is a human creation. The labyrinth organ means a betta w…

What I learned

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