

Animal Fact Sheet

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Silver Arowana

Osteoglossum bicirrhosum

The Silver Arowana is a large, freshwater fish native to South America, easily recognized by its long, slender body and metallic silver scales that shimmer underwater. It is a surface-dwelling predator.

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Osteoglossidae

Habitat: Slow-moving freshwater rivers, floodplains, and lakes

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 10-15 years

Weight: 4-6 kg

Scientific name: *Osteoglossum bicirrhosum*

Did you know?

- Silver Arowanas can jump up to 2 meters (over 6 feet) out of the water to catch insects and even small birds from overhanging branches.
- The Silver Arowana is sometimes called the 'monkey fish' because of its ability to leap out of the water to catch prey. Males carry fertilized eggs i...

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