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Animal Fact Sheet

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Silver Arowana

Osteoglossum bicirrhosum

The silver arowana (Osteoglossum bicirrhosum) is a metre-long, ribbon-flat predator of Amazonian floodplains, and it is a member of the bony-tongue fishes, an ancient lineage whose fossil record runs…

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.
- Silver arowana leap over a metre out of the water to take prey off branches, which is why Amazonians call them water monkeys. The male broods the egg…

What I learned

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