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Sockeye Salmon

Oncorhynchus nerka

The sockeye salmon is a species of anadromous fish found in the northern Pacific Ocean and rivers discharging into it. Renowned for their striking transformation during spawning, adults develop a bri...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Salmonidae

Habitat: Cold freshwater rivers, lakes, and the northern Pacific Ocean

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 4-6 years

Weight: 2–7 kg (4.4–15.4 lbs)

Scientific name: *Oncorhynchus nerka*

Did you know?

- Some sockeye salmon populations never leave freshwater and spend their entire lives in lakes—these are known as 'kokanee' salmon.
- Sockeye salmon can leap over obstacles more than 2 meters high during their upstream migration. Their name 'sockeye' is derived from a translation of...

What I learned
