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Spotted gar

Lepisosteus oculatus

The spotted gar is a long, slender freshwater fish recognized by its olive-green to brown coloration and distinctive dark spots covering its body, head, and fins. This ancient fish is characterized b...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Lepisosteidae

Habitat: Freshwater rivers, lakes, swamps, and bayous with abundant vegetation

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 8-10 years

Weight: 2-4 kg

Scientific name: *Lepisosteus oculatus*

Did you know?

- The spotted gar's eggs are highly toxic to humans and many other animals if ingested.
- Spotted gars are considered 'living fossils' because their lineage dates back over 100 million years. They have a specialized swim bladder that also ...

What I learned

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