

Animal Fact Sheet

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Swordtail

Xiphophorus hellerii

The Swordtail is a small, vibrant freshwater fish native to Central America. It is named for the distinct sword-like extension of the lower part of the male's tail fin, which is used in courtship dis...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Poeciliidae

Habitat: Freshwater streams and rivers

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 3-5 years

Weight: 2-6 grams

Scientific name: *Xiphophorus hellerii*

Did you know?

- Swordtail females can store sperm from a single mating and use it to fertilize multiple broods over several months.
- Male Swordtails use their elongated tail to attract females and deter rivals. They are known for their ability to interbreed with closely related pla...

What I learned
