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Animal Fact Sheet

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Tinfoil Barb

Barbonymus schwanenfeldii

The tinfoil barb is a large, striking freshwater fish native to Southeast Asia, easily recognized by its silvery body and bright red or orange-tipped fins. Growing up to 35 cm (14 inches) in length, …

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Cyprinidae
Habitat: Freshwater rivers and streams
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 8-14 years
Weight: 1-2 kg
Scientific name: Barbonymus schwanenfeldii

Did you know?

- Despite their popularity in aquariums, tinfoil barbs can live for over a decade and reach sizes that surprise many first-time owners.
- Tinfoil barbs are known for their reflective, metallic scales that shimmer under light, resembling tinfoil. They are peaceful by nature but can grow …

What I learned

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