

CREATURE FEATURE



Did you know there are over 30,000 different species of fish on the planet?
Can you guess one of the most unusual fish species of them all!

It has the snout of an anteater and a pouch like a kangaroo!
Eyes like a lizard, a head of a stallion,
and an armored body like an armadillo.

Not to mention, the ability to change colors like a chameleon
and wrap its snake-like tail around almost anything found in its watery world!

This curious creature has such a unique way of feeding,
swimming, and breeding that it is hard to compare it to any other fish in the sea.
Found in both tropical and temperate waters around the world,
the peculiar seahorse is arguably one of the most magical marine fishes in existence!

Ranging in length from over a foot to under one inch,
there are more than 40 known species of these 'horses of the sea' recorded by scientists to date.

A master of camouflage, these fabulous fish can be incredibly difficult to spot,
but when you do get a glimpse of one, they are intriguing creatures to observe!

Some of these unique behaviors include
—bobbing and drifting in the water, awkwardly swimming while constantly eating,
using its long snout like a vacuum cleaner to suck in plankton and small crustaceans,
and a captivated mating pair locking tails in an elaborate synchronized courtship dance.

From odd feeding methods to adorably romantic relationship rituals,
as well as parading a kaleidoscope of colors,
there is much more to the seahorse's majestic intrigue,
than just its trademark elongated mouth and curly tail!

On your next visit to CMA, be sure to check out our Pacific seahorses on exhibit
in the Susanne Lawrenz-Miller Exhibit Hall & Aquatic Nursery.

**DISCOVER MORE INTRIGUING FACTS
ABOUT THIS CHARISMATIC & FIN-TASTIC FISH SPECIES!**