

## **CATFISH**

There are over 2000 species of catfish (order: Siluriformes), thus making them one of the largest fish orders. They vary greatly in body shape, pattern, and scale configuration. Catfish come from all types of environments in both fresh and salt water. Catfish belong to 34 families. Thirteen families are covered in this book. They include: the [Aspredinidae](#) (Banjo catfish), the [Ariidae](#) (Sea catfish), the [Auchenipteridae](#) (Driftwood catfish), the [Callichthyidae](#) (Armored catfish), the [Chacidae](#) (Squarehead catfish), the [Doradidae](#) (Thorny catfish), the [Loricariidae](#) (Suckermouth armored catfish), the [Malapteruridae](#) (Electric catfish), the [Mochocidae](#) (Naked catfish), the [Pangassidae](#), the [Pimelodidae](#) (Flat-nosed catfish), the [Schilbeidae](#) (Glass catfish), and the [Siluridae](#) (Old-world catfish).