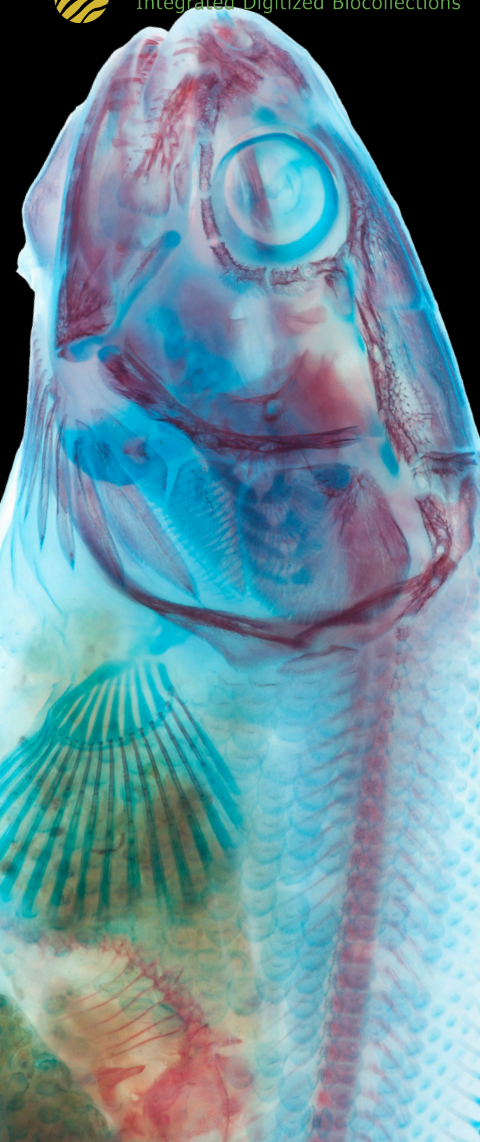




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Bowfin *Amia calva*



Bowfin Facts

- Primitive - The Bowfin family dates back as far as the Jurassic period.
- Bowfin have an airbladder that functions similarly to lungs and allows the fish to gulp air and survive in low oxygenated environments.
- Can grow up to 3 feet and weigh more than 20 pounds.
- Bowfins typically eat fishes. Check out the evidence on the front!

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