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Scientific Name: -*Lepidosteus* sps.

Family: Lepisosteidae.

Common Name: Garfish or spotted gar

Physical Characteristics:

Garfish are elongated, cylindrical fish with long bodies and distinctive snouts filled with sharp teeth. They have armour-like scales called ganoid scales, which are diamond-shaped and typically greenish or brownish, providing excellent camouflage in their aquatic habitats.

Geographical Distribution:

North America: United States, Canada, Mexico.

Economic Importance:

Their economic importance is varied, with benefits in sport fishing, the aquarium trade, and ecological research, alongside challenges such as habitat threats and negative perceptions. Conservation efforts are essential to sustain gar populations and their habitats.

