

# Barramundi

## Underwater ambush predator

- Wetlands and billabongs are the perfect habitat for their diet of small fish and crustaceans, while also protecting them from predators.
- Head shape like an arrow, with eyes close to the front to help locate prey and judge distances.
- It swallows prey whole with its bucket-like mouth, sucking in prey from 30 cm away, scales and all.
- Barramundi can eat young crocodiles, and crocodiles often feast on barramundi. Both species depend on each other as a food source during different stages of their lives.

The barramundi hunts in low light, using lateral line receptors to detect movement and vibration at dawn, dusk and night. It can locate prey even in dark or murky water.



**“They love to hunt from in and around fallen logs and reeds – basically anywhere they can surprise their prey”**

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