

A vibrant clownfish with orange and white stripes is nestled within the long, flowing tentacles of a sea anemone. The background is a deep, dark blue, suggesting an underwater environment.

AQUARIUM HUNT: CLOWNFISH

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Clownfish or anemonefish are fishes from the subfamily Amphiprioninae in the family Pomacanthidae. Thirty species are recognized: one in the genus *Premnas*, while the remaining are in the genus *Amphiprion*. In the wild, they all form symbiotic mutualisms with sea anemones. Depending on species, anemonefish are overall yellow, orange, or a reddish or blackish color, and many show white bars or patches. The largest can reach a length of 15–16 cm, while the smallest barely achieve 7–8 cm.