
Subject: Beware the Candiru

Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Wed, 07 May 2003 01:49:39 GMT

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It is feared by the natives because it is attracted to urine or blood, and if the bather is nude it will swim into an orifice (the anus, vagina or even - in the case of the smaller specimens - the penis). It then erects its spine and begins to feed on the blood and body tissue just as it would from the gills of a fish. The candiru is then almost impossible to remove except through an operation, usually involving the amputation of the area. A more expensive option is the use of two plants, the Xagua plant (*Genipa americana*) and the Buitach apple which are inserted (or their extract in the case of tight spaces) into the affected area. These two plants together will kill and then dissolve the fish. More often, the pain causes shock and death in the victim before it can be removed.

Remind me to hold it in next time I go for a boat ride in the Amazon.

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Posted by [Aurora](#) on Wed, 07 May 2003 02:27:01 GMT

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1.) ow. no. amazon bad. no. bad. not good. no.

2.) where the HELL did you find that?

Subject: Re: Beware the Candiru

Posted by [Sir Phoenixx](#) on Wed, 07 May 2003 02:58:51 GMT

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Well thank you for sharing that with us...

Now could you please include a "Warning: Deadly Anus Fish inside" in the topic next time?

(This is just one more reason why restrooms need to be installed in the Amazon.)

So, yeah... If one of those penis fishes swam up yours, would you let them operate and it, which would most likely need to be amputated, or use some strange plants that would cause extreme pain and possibly kill you?

Subject: Beware the Candiru
Posted by [Ferhago](#) on Wed, 07 May 2003 08:26:52 GMT
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Thats.....interesting

Subject: Beware the Candiru
Posted by [KIRBY098](#) on Wed, 07 May 2003 17:25:36 GMT
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So that's what's wrong.....

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Posted by [K9Trooper](#) on Wed, 07 May 2003 17:33:01 GMT
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KIRBY098So that's what's wrong.....

I told you to wear your swimming suit.....But NOOOOOOOOOOO, you wanted to be "Free".

Subject: Beware the Candiru
Posted by [kritonUK](#) on Wed, 07 May 2003 18:08:35 GMT
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Posted by [KIRBY098](#) on Wed, 07 May 2003 18:13:48 GMT
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Posted by [maytridy](#) on Wed, 07 May 2003 20:38:52 GMT
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lol, i think that was in the movie " Anaconda".

I would definately use the plants, they aren't chopping off my penis! :lookround:

Subject: Beware the Candiru
Posted by [Slicer_238](#) on Thu, 08 May 2003 00:55:57 GMT
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It was on TLC or teh discovery channel I saw it before. Nasty little fish it is

Subject: Beware the Candiru
Posted by [Madtone](#) on Thu, 08 May 2003 02:04:21 GMT
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lmao we have the most poisinus things on earth... can't remember exactly what they all are!

come to australia, its unsafe in the water AND on land... lol

Big spiders, boxing kangaroos, snakes, this huge lizards that bite ya toes off, Sharks, Fireweed (its like seaweed but its bright orange and when you touch it it burns like hell), ummm, FireAnts (these bite you and burns like hell and once you have been bitten once they put this stuff in you

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White Tail spiders - these spiders are near metal places alot, like cars, pipes and kitchens, when these bite you they inject you with acid-like poison that eats away at your skin, and the only way to stop your skin eroding away is to cut out the infected skin, you usually end up with a BIG hole in your arm if it takes a while to get it cut out.

Red Backs spiders - these things will kill ya!! they are in ya shoes alot, and if these bite you in about 2-3 hours they can kill a grown man if i remember rightly.

Funnel Web spiders - DON'T WANNA TALK ABOUT IT!!!

Huntsman spiders - these things are HUGE normal size is about the size of a CD, these things run so fast its not funny, when they bite you it just hurts alot, they aren't poisonous and from personal experience if you see one running around your lounge room walls at home, don't squish it, you will have to re-paint the whole room!!

tahts all i can think of right now!!

lol!

Subject: Beware the Candiru
Posted by [ArUsH4nll](#) on Thu, 08 May 2003 07:30:35 GMT
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its not bad, ytour just exaguring because u think noone else if from Australia..... WELL I AM

oh, and whitetails CAN kill u my friend died from one

So dont be a n00b adn stretch things far from the truth

:rolleyes:

Kangaroos rarley box people, only other roos.....

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Posted by [reptokill](#) on Thu, 08 May 2003 11:14:29 GMT
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Well we got buses and subways that can squish you like a bug...

Subject: Beware the Candiru
Posted by [Doitle](#) on Thu, 08 May 2003 11:56:07 GMT
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"Yarr! Thats gonna replace the whale in my nightmares!"

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Posted by [Sir Phoenixx](#) on Thu, 08 May 2003 12:20:15 GMT
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These little penis fish weren't in 'Anaconda', it was a snake, a really large snake, not a fish.

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Posted by [Ferhago](#) on Thu, 08 May 2003 12:44:50 GMT

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Well Im am never ever going to Australia thats for sure.

I have arachnaphobia :satisfied:

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Posted by [kawolsky](#) on Thu, 08 May 2003 17:30:46 GMT

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Um....so ur bascily saying.....if u go to australia bring a fire extinguisher
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lol!

Subject: Beware the Candiru
Posted by [HTDana](#) on Thu, 08 May 2003 18:04:42 GMT
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Madtone, talk about risk versus reward. Not forgetting Australia's penchant for deadly critters, I'm all the happier to live in ice-cold Minnesota, where those nasty animals can't survive. I'd rather bundle up five months of the year, make a fire or turn up the thermostat, and drink cocoa than deal with the Giant Flaming Death Beetle and the Choking Stinky Spit-Bat.
