

Freshwater aquarium fish species

CYPRINIDAE

Barbus conchonius
(Rosy barb)

- **North Indian** origin. Grows up to 10 cm in length. Their colour becomes bolder during their mating periods. The male has a brighter pinkish colour and the female is slightly plumper. Females do not have any black colour in their fins while males do.

Omnivorous, They have a lifespan of up to 5 years. Live in lakes and fast flowing water in a subtropical climate. Temperature range 18–22 °C.

When the female is ready to spawn, she will appear swollen with eggs. Spawning usually occurs in the early morning, and lasts several hours resulting in several hundred eggs. Eggs are usually deposited in groups of plants, and the pair will attempt to eat eggs and has to be separated from the breeding aquarium.

The young hatch in 24 to 36 hours, depending on water temperature. In about six days the young are free-swimming and will seek out food

Barbus cumingi (Cuming barb)

- A silvery fish with yellow reflection on shoulders.
- **Two rhomboid black patches on each side.**
- 5 cm in length.
- Originated in Srilanka
- Ovipar, easy to breed
- Ideal water temperature should be 24-25 degrees.
- **Females are bolder than males**
- The female is slightly plumper during their
- mating periods.
- Schooling, Hardy and active fish
- It is fed with all kinds of food.
- It likes middle and down layers.
- pH 6-7.5

Barbus nigrifasciatus

- 6.5 cm in length.
- Originated in Srilanka
- Ovipar, easy to breed
- Ideal water temperature should be 20-28 degrees
- **The male is red and black colour and the females are plumper during their mating periods.**
- Schooling, hardy and active fish.
- It is fed with all kinds of food.
- It likes middle and down layers.
- pH 6-7.5

Barbus tetrazona

- 6 cm in length.
- Originated in Srilanka
- Ovipar, easy to breed
- Ideal water temperature should be 20-25 degrees
- **Native fish are silver to brownish yellow with four vertical black stripes and red fins.**
- Schooling, hardy and active fish.
- It is fed with all kinds of food.
- It likes middle and down layers.
- pH 5.5-7

Barbus titteya

- 5 cm in length.
- Originated from Srilanka
- Ovipar, easy to breed
- Ideal water temperature should be 24-26 degrees
- **Male is light red colour and female is slightly plumper during their mating periods.**
- Schooling, hardy and active fish
- It is fed with all kinds of food.
- It likes middle and down layers
- pH 6-7.5

Brachydanio frankei

- 5.7 cm in length.
- Originated in Far East
- Ovipar, easy to breed
- Ideal water temperature should be 24-26 degrees
- **Golden color and leopard skin**
- Female is slightly plumper and drabber than male
- Schooling, hardy and active fish
- Eat all kinds of food.
- It likes middle and down layers
- pH 6-7.5
- Production can be started from 6 months. 1 female and 2 males are placed in 6-10 cm height separate aquarium. the mature are taken out the aquarium after spawning. The young hatch in 24-48 h.

Branchydanio rerio Zebra Danio

- Originated from East India
- 4.5 cm in length.
- Ovipar, easy to breed
- Ideal water temperature should be 24-26 degrees
- **Dark blue, silver white or gold yellow longitudinal stripes along the sides of their body**
- Female is slightly plumper and bolder than males
- Schooling, hardy and active fish
- It is fed with all kinds of food.
- It likes middle and down layers
- pH 6-7.5

Danio malabaricus

10 cm in length.

Originated in East India

Ovipar, easy to breed

24-26 °C

The body is iridescent gold with steel blue-colored spots and stripes running lengthwise from the gills to the tail.

Schooling, hardy and active fish.

It is fed with all kinds of food.

It likes middle and down layers

pH 6-7.5

Rasbora heteromorpha

- 4 cm in length.
- Originated in Thailand, Malaya
- Ovipar, While other rasboras are egg-scattering spawners, Rasbora heteromorpha are egg layers. 24-25 °C
- **The body is a reddish copper color which is accented by a striking black wedge covering the rear half of the body .**
- Schooling, hardy and active fish.
- It is fed with all kinds of food.
- It likes all layers.
- pH 5.3-5.7
- When spawned in groups, keep two males for every female. The fertilized eggs rise and adhere to the underside of the leaves.

Rasbora maculata

- 2.5 cm in length.
- Originated in Thailand, Malaya
- Ovipar, egg layers. 24 °C
- **Red-brown color. The lower part is yellow. It has a few spots.**
- Schooling, hardy and active fish
- It is fed with all kinds of food.
- It likes all layers

Labeo sp.

Labeo bicolor
(Red-Tailed Black Shark)

Labeo erythrurus
(Rainbow Sharks)

Labeo frenatus

- 12cm in length.
- Originated in Thailand, Malaya
- Ovipar, 22-27 C°
- Schooling and active fish
- Female is slightly plumper
- **They can display particularly high levels of aggression towards similar-looking species.**
- Feeds on all kinds of food.
- Likes middle layer.
- This species doesn't breed in captivity in private tanks, however the fish is bred on the fish farms where they use hormones for this.