



Species: *Danio*, *Devario*, *Tanichthys*.

Family: Cyprinidae

Geographic Origin: S/East Asia, India and South China.

Common Names: Zebra, Spotted, Leopard and Giant Danios, White Cloud Mountain Minnows.

Compatibility: Generally active fish that are best kept in a shoal of at least six fish. Not aggressive towards one another or to tank mates. Good fish for beginners.

Minimum Aquarium Size. The smaller specimens of *Danio* and WCMMs can be kept in a 450mm x 250mm x 250mm (18" x 10" x 10") aquarium. The aquarium should have a well-fitting lid and cover glass as these fish can jump extremely well. An aquarium of 600mm x 380mm x 300mm (24" x 15" x 12") is suitable for the larger species such as the Giant Danio and *Danio dangila*. A larger tank will be even more beneficial.

Temperature: Ideal temperature is around 18°C (65°F). They are quite happy at lower temperatures.

Habitat: Likes a well-planted community tank, with a gravel substrate and water movement, particularly from the outlet of an internal filter.

Water Parameters: Tolerant to soft and hard water. Will breed in both. Water change of approximately 25% each week is beneficial if not essential.

Health: Generally do not seem to be over susceptible to white spot or fungus. As with all new fish, quarantine for at least one week in a separate tank. Any fish that appear to be sick, immediately isolate in a separate tank.

Diet: These omnivorous fish will accept dried, frozen and all types of live food (e.g. *Daphnia*, Mosquito larvae). Do not overfeed. Many problems can be caused by overfeeding (pollution of water by decaying food).

Plants: All species of tropical plants are acceptable. Not known as plant eaters.

Breeding Notes: Egg-scatterers. Protective measures need to be taken to prevent egg-eating by the spawning adults.

Availability: Widely available. Only select fish that are alert and swimming with fins erect. Inspect carefully for signs of white spot or other diseases. Reject lethargic, damaged or hollow-bellied specimens.

Show Class: FBAS Class K mostly but WCMM now shown in Class W.