

**Species:** *Chilatherina*, *Glossolepis* & *Melanotaenia*.

**Family:** Atheriniformes.

**Geographic Origin:** Papua New Guinea, Irian Jaya, Australia.

**Common Name:** Rainbow fish.



**Compatibility:** Can be aggressive with small fishes. With similar sized fish, they are fine.

**Minimum aquarium size:** A minimum of 900mm x 380mm x 300mm (36" x 15" x 12") is necessary. If you intending to keep a few species, a larger tank is better.

**Temperature:** Fairly wide range in their requirements. From 18°-28°C (65°-82°F).

**Habitat:** Prefers a well-planted tank, with some water movement via air-stone or filtration.

**Water:** Very undemanding. Providing it is clean and clear, they will accept hard and soft water. A water change of 25% each week is beneficial if not essential.

**Health:** Generally free from health problems. May get a slight touch of mouth fungus if they damage that area. Treat as necessary in a separate quarantine aquaria. Do not flush dead fish down the toilet. Incinerate or wrap in paper and put in the dustbin.

**Diet:** Omnivorous. All types of dried, frozen and live foods such as *Daphnia* and *Tubifex* worms. Vary the diet and do not overfeed.

**Plants:** All species of tropical plants are acceptable in the aquarium.

**Breeding Notes:** Information scarce.

**Availability:** Many species are widely available. Select fish that are alert and swimming with fins erect. Inspect carefully for signs of disease. Reject lethargic, damaged or hollow-bellied specimens.

**Show Class:** FBAS Classes Mc or M.