

FEDERATION OF BRITISH AQUATIC SOCIETIES

FISH CARE SHEET No: 28

Large Barbs

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Genera: *Barbus*, *Cyclocheilichthys* and *Leptobarbus*.

See those fishes listed in the current Federation Size Book under Class B and Ba.

Family: Cyprinidae.

Geographic Origin: Asia and Africa.

Common Names: Lemon Fin Barb, Red Cheeked Barb, Tinfoil Barb

Compatibility: These will grow into fish at least 130mm/5" in length and some up to 450mm/18". They are boisterous and so small fish may be at a disadvantage.

Minimum Aquarium Size: A 900mm x 380mm x 380mm 36" x 15" x 12" aquarium should be considered as the minimum. For the very large fish, then tank of at least 1500mm x 450mm x 450mm / 60" x 18" x 182 will be necessary.

Temperature: Between 20° and 28°C / 70° and 80°F is generally considered to be satisfactory. Some variation is acceptable.

Habitat: Can be found equally in slow moving streams and fast running rivers.

Water Parameters: These fish come from soft water areas but readily adapt to hard water with no deleterious effects.

Health: Not particularly prone to health problems. Accidental damage due to knocking into rockwork may cause fungus problems. Treat in a separate container.

Diet Omniverous: Some species are plant eaters so research the species before you buy.

Plants: See above. Others will enjoy a well planted tank. Broad leaved plants, such as Amazon sword's are ideal.

Breeding Notes: See [Breeding Notes, Small Asian Barbs](#)

Availability: Usually some available. Research before purchase to ensure that the small fish you buy is not going to grow into an 450mm/18 inch monster.

Show Class: F.B.A.S. Show Class. Ba, or B.