

## Freshwater Tropical Fish Species and Saltwater Fish Species

The following fish profiles are provided compliments of various online communities (always a good place to start looking). My most useful reference when starting out was found at [http://badmanstropicalfish.com/fish\\_chart.html/](http://badmanstropicalfish.com/fish_chart.html/). But the following lists are equally useful, with this first list naming the most common species in alphabetical order.

### List of Fish Species in Alphabetical order

<a href="#">African Butterfly Fish</a>	<a href="#">Giant Danio</a>
<a href="#">Albino Bristlenose Pleco</a>	<a href="#">Glass Catfish</a>
<a href="#">Albino Cory Cat</a>	<a href="#">Glowlight Danio</a>
<a href="#">Albino Red Fin Shark</a>	<a href="#">Glowlight Tetras</a>
<a href="#">Angelfish</a>	<a href="#">Gold Gourami</a>
<a href="#">Axelrods Rasbora</a>	<a href="#">Gold Lyretail Killifish Aphyosemion</a>
<a href="#">Bala Sharks</a>	<a href="#">Australe</a>
<a href="#">Betta Fish Care(Siamese Fighting Fish)</a>	<a href="#">Gold Tetra</a>
<a href="#">Black Neon Tetra</a>	<a href="#">Guppies</a>
<a href="#">Black Skirt Tetra</a>	<a href="#">Harlequin Rasbora</a>
<a href="#">Bleeding Heart Tetra</a>	<a href="#">Jack Dempsey Fish</a>
<a href="#">Bloodfin Tetra</a>	<a href="#">Javanese Ricefish</a>
<a href="#">Blood Red Tetra</a>	<a href="#">Kissing Gourami</a>
<a href="#">Boesemani Rainbowfish</a>	<a href="#">Kribensis</a>
<a href="#">Bolivian Ram Cichlid</a>	<a href="#">Marble Hatchet Fish</a>
<a href="#">Bristlenose Pleco</a>	<a href="#">Neon Tetra</a>
<a href="#">Bronze Corydoras</a>	<a href="#">Panda Cory</a>
<a href="#">Cardinal Tetra</a>	<a href="#">Peppered Corydoras</a>
<a href="#">Celebes Rainbowfish</a>	<a href="#">Red Bellied Piranha</a>
<a href="#">Celestial Pearl Danio</a>	<a href="#">Red Dwarf Rasbora Microrasbora</a>
<a href="#">Chela Dadiburjori</a>	<a href="#">Rubescens</a>
<a href="#">Chinese Algae Eater</a>	<a href="#">Red Fin Shark</a>
<a href="#">Clown Killifish</a>	<a href="#">Red Rainbowfish</a>
<a href="#">Clown Loach</a>	<a href="#">Rosy Barb</a>
<a href="#">Common Pleco</a>	<a href="#">Rummy Nose Tetra</a>
<a href="#">Congo Tetra</a>	<a href="#">Serpae Tetra</a>
<a href="#">Convict Cichlids</a>	<a href="#">Silver Dollar Fish</a>
<a href="#">Dash Dot Tetra</a>	<a href="#">Silver Tip Tetra</a>
<a href="#">Denison Barb</a>	<a href="#">Spotted Blue Eye Pseudomugil</a>
<a href="#">Discus Fish</a>	<a href="#">Gertrudae</a>
<a href="#">Dwarf Gourami</a>	<a href="#">Striped Panchax</a>
<a href="#">False Julii Corydoras</a>	<a href="#">Threadfin Rainbowfish</a>
<a href="#">Firemouth Cichlid</a>	<a href="#">Tiger Barb</a>
<a href="#">Flying Fox Fish</a>	<a href="#">Tinfoil Barb</a>
<a href="#">German Blue Ram</a>	<a href="#">Wrestling Halfbeak</a>
	<a href="#">Zebra Danio</a>

The following list of common fish is broken down by common name and then by species. It's good to know your fish species' scientific name to avoid confusion when referring to them with different people.

We can't stress enough the need for hobbyists to research any and all fish before purchasing them! Don't make that impulse buy when shopping for your fish if you don't know its care requirements. You are only doing a disservice to yourself and the animal.

## **Freshwater Aquarium Tropical Fish Species Profiles**

### **Anabantoids - Bettas and Gouramis**

[Betta](#)  
[Blue Gourami](#)  
[Dwarf Gourami](#)  
[Kissing Gourami](#)  
[Mahachai Betta](#)  
[Pearl Gourami](#)  
[Sparkling Gourami](#)

### **Archerfish**

[Archerfish](#)

### **Arowana**

[Silver Arowana](#)

### **Butterfly Fish**

[African Butterfly Fish](#)

### **Catfish**

[Chinese Algae Eater](#)  
[Corydoras Catfish](#)  
[Iridescent Shark](#)  
[Otocinclus Catfish](#)  
[Plecostomus](#)  
[Zebra Pleco](#)

### **Characins - Tetras**

[Black Neon Tetra](#)  
[Black Phantom Tetra](#)  
[Black Skirt Tetra](#)  
[Bleeding Heart Tetra](#)  
[Bloodfin Tetra](#)  
[Buenos Aires Tetra](#)  
[Cardinal Tetra](#)  
[Head and Tail Light Tetra](#)  
[Glowlight Tetra](#)  
[Neon Tetra](#)  
[Piranhas](#)  
[Pristella Tetra](#)  
[Red Belly Pacu](#)  
[Red Colombian Tetra](#)  
[Red Eye Tetra](#)  
[Rummy Nose Tetra](#)

## **Saltwater Aquarium Fish Species Profiles**

### **Large Angelfish**

[Emperor Angelfish](#)  
[French Angelfish](#)  
[Queen Angelfish](#)

### **Dwarf Angelfish**

[Bicolor Angelfish](#)  
[Coral Beauty Angelfish](#)  
[Eibli Angelfish](#)  
[Flame Angel fish](#)  
[Pygmy Angelfish](#)

### **Blennies**

[Lawnmower Blenny](#)

### **Butterfly Fish**

[Copperband Butterfly Fish](#)  
[Lined Butterflyfish](#)  
[Longfin Bannerfish](#)  
[Raccoon Butterfly Fish](#)

### **Cardinal Fish**

[Banggai Cardinal Fish](#)  
[Pajama Cardinal Fish](#)

### **Clownfish**

[Clownfish \(Ocellaris\)](#)  
[Maroon Clownfish](#)  
[Tomato Clownfish](#)

### **Damselfish**

[Blue Damselfish](#)  
[Blue Green Chromis](#)  
[Blue Reef Chromis](#)  
[Three Stripe Damselfish](#)  
[Yellowtail Blue Damselfish](#)

### **Dottybacks**

[Orchid Dottyback](#)  
[Striped Dottyback](#)

### **Dragonets**

[Ocellated Dragonet, Scooter Dragonet](#)

[Serpae Tetra](#)  
[Silver Dollar](#)  
[White Skirt Tetra](#)

### **Cichlids**

[Afra Cichlid](#)  
[Angelfish](#)  
[Blue Ram Cichlid](#)  
[Cockatoo Cichlid](#)  
[Convict Cichlid](#)  
[Discus](#)  
[Firemouth Cichlid](#)  
[Jack Dempsey](#)  
[Jewel Cichlid](#)  
[Kenya Cichlid](#)  
[Kribensis Cichlid](#)  
[Oscar](#)  
[Blood Red Parrot Cichlid](#)  
[Polk Cichlid](#)  
[Red Devil Cichlid](#)  
[Yellow Lab Cichlid](#)  
[Zebra Cichlid](#)

### **Cyprinids - Barbs**

[Bala Shark](#)  
[Cherry Barb](#)  
[Gold Barb](#)  
[Goldfish](#)  
[Harlequin Rasbora](#)  
[Koi](#)  
[Odessa Barb](#)  
[Rainbow Shark](#)  
[Red Tail Shark](#)  
[Rosy Barb](#)  
[Scissor Tail Rasbora](#)  
[Tiger Barb](#)  
[Tinfoil Barb](#)  
[White Cloud](#)  
[Mountain Minnow](#)  
[Zebra Danio](#)

### **Hatchet Fish**

[Marble Hatchet Fish](#)

### **Killifish**

[Killifish](#)

### **Loaches**

[Clown Loach](#)  
[Dojo Loach](#)  
[Hillstream Loach](#)  
[Kuhli Loach](#)

### **Livebearers**

[Endlers Livebearer](#)

### **Eels**

[Snowflake Moray Eel](#)

### **Goby, Gobies, Dartfish**

[Diamond Goby](#)  
[Neon Goby](#)  
[Purple Firefish](#)  
[Yellow Watchman Goby](#)

### **Grammas & Basslets**

[Fairy Basslet, Royal Gramma](#)

### **Hawkfish**

### **Marine Invertebrates**

[Chocolate Chip Starfish](#)  
[Coral Banded Shrimp](#)  
[Emerald Crab](#)  
[Hermit Crab](#)  
[Nassarius Snail](#)  
[Peppermint Shrimp](#)  
[Skunk Cleaner Shrimp](#)  
[Turbo Snail](#)  
[Tridacna Clam - Crocea Clam](#)

### **Jawfish**

[Yellowhead Jawfish](#)

### **Lionfish**

[Lionfish](#)  
[Radiata Lionfish](#)

### **Porcupine & Puffer Fish**

[Porcupine Puffer Fish](#)

### **Rabbitfish**

[Magnificent Foxface Rabbitfish](#)  
[One Spot Foxface Rabbitfish](#)

### **Sea Bases**

[Peach Anthias](#)

### **Seahorses**

[Common Seahorse](#)  
[Great Seahorse](#)

### **Tangs & Surgeonfish**

[Convict Tang](#)  
[Moorish Idol](#)  
[Naso Tang](#)  
[Orange Shoulder Tang](#)  
[Pacific Blue Tang](#)  
[Pacific Sailfin Tang](#)  
[Powder Blue Tang](#)  
[Purple Tang](#)

[Guppy](#)  
[Mollies](#)  
[Platy](#)  
[Swordtails](#)

### **Freshwater Invertebrates**

[Crayfish](#)  
[\(aka Crawfish or Crawdad\)](#)  
[Ghost Shrimp](#)  
[Gold Inca Snail](#)

### **Mormyridae**

[Elephantnose Fish](#)

### ***Brackish Water Fish Profiles***

[Columbian Shark](#)  
[Figure 8 Puffer](#)  
[Green Spotted Puffer](#)

[Red Sea Sailfin Tang](#)  
[Unicorn Tang](#)  
[Yellow Tang](#)

### **Trigger Fish**

[Picasso Triggerfish](#)

### **Sea Anemone Species**

[Bubble Tip Sea Anemone](#)  
[Condy Anemone](#)

### **Saltwater Wrasses**

[Harlequin Tuskfish](#)  
[Six Line Wrasse](#)

### **Hard Coral**

[Acanthastrea](#)  
[Birdsnest Coral](#)  
[Candy Cane Coral](#)  
[Frogspawn Coral](#)  
[Montipora Capricornis](#)

### **Soft Coral**

[Pulsing Xenia](#)  
[Ricordea Florida Coral](#)  
[Zoanthids - Button Polyps](#)

For a simpler, at-a-glance look into fish compatibility, I refer to the following chart. It contains most of the more common freshwater fish and is conveniently divided into three relevant categories:

**Community Fish** – Unless marked with a note, these fish can safely cohabitate in the same aquarium.

**Semi-Aggressive** – Usually peaceful when small, but can become nippers or chase the others around the tank when they get bigger. If you really want to put one of these fish in your community tank, keep an eye on them.

**Aggressive Fish** – Do NOT mix these fish with any other type fish except similar-sized aggressive fish. They will bully and/or eat smaller, more timid fish.

Category	Community	Semi-Aggressive	Aggressive
Anabantids	Dwarf Gourami Flame Gourami Opaline Gourami Pearl Gourami Siamese Fighting Fish/Betta(1) Spiketailed Paradisefish	Honey Gourami Kissing Gourami	Black Paradisefish
Catfish	Banjo Catfish Bristlenose Chinese Algae Eater Corydoras Green Catfish Leopard Catfish Plecostomus Spotted Catfish Upside Down Catfish	Bumble Bee Catfish	
Charachins	Black Neon Tetra Black Phantom Tetra Cardinal Tetra Congo Tetra Emperor Tetra Flame Tetra Glowlight Tetra Head & Tail Light Tetra Neon Tetra Rummy Nosed Tetra Serpae Tetra Hatchetfish Pencilfish Bloodfin Penguin Fish X-Ray Fish	Bleeding Heart Tetra Black Widow Buenos Aires Tetra Silver Dollar	Red Belly Piranha
Cichlids	Angelfish Blue Acara Discus (2) Festivum Ram	Firemouth Severum	Convict Green Terror Jack Dempsey Red Oscar
Killifish	Lyretail		
Livebearers	Guppy Molly Platy	Swordtail	Knife Livebearer
Loaches	Clown Loach Dwarf Loach Horseface Loach		
Unclassified	Australian Rainbowfish Boesmani Rainbowfish Boesman's Rainbowfish Bumble Bee Goby Elephant Nose Rainbowfish	Archer Freshwater Puffer	Butterfly Fish

**(1)** ONLY ONE male Siamese Fighting Fish/Betta per tank. Two Males will fight to the death if they're in the same tank! You can have multiple females in the tank.

**(2)** Discus should not be kept with other fish other than catfish, loaches, neons, or cardinal tetras due to their high susceptibility to disease. They require a warmer water temperature (85 degrees F), can be sometimes slow eaters, and will not fight for food.

Finally, I offer this popular look at common compatibilities. This page is a good one to print out and refer to whenever you're thinking about adding a new dimension to your tank. But regardless of whatever chart you reference, always be sure to manually monitor any new additions you make to your fish environment.

Y = Compatible N = Not Compatible C = Caution Required	Dwarf Angels	Large Angels	Anglers/Frogs	Anthias	Basslets	Batfish	Blennies	Boxfish	Butterflies	Cardinals	Chromis	Clownfish	Damselfish	Dartfish	Dragonets	Eels	Filefish	Foxface/Rabbits	Gobies	Groupers	Grunts/Sweetlips	Jawfish	Hawkfish	Hogfish	Lions/Scorpions	Parrotfish	Pseudochromis	Puffers	Seahorse/Pipefish	Sharks/Rays	Squirrelfish	Tangs/ Surgeons	Triggerfish	Wrasse - Reef Safe	Wrasse - Fish Only	Live Corals	Invertebrates	Live Rock/Sand	
Dwarf Angels	C																																						
Large Angels	Y	C																																					
Anglers/Frogs	C	Y	C																																				
Anthias	Y	Y	C	C																																			
Basslets	Y	Y	N	Y	N																																		
Batfish	Y	Y	Y	C	C	N																																	
Blennies	Y	Y	N	Y	C	C	C																																
Boxfish	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C																															
Butterflies	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C																														
Cardinals	Y	C	N	Y	Y	Y	C	Y	Y	Y																													
Chromis	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y																												
Clownfish	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C																											
Damselfish	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	C	C	Y	C																										
Dartfish	Y	C	N	Y	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	C																									
Dragonets	Y	Y	N	Y	C	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C																								
Eels	C	Y	C	C	N	C	N	Y	C	N	N	N	N	N	N	C																							
Filefish	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	C	N	Y																						
Foxface/Rabbits	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	Y	C																					
Gobies	Y	C	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	C																				
Groupers	C	Y	C	N	N	N	N	C	C	N	N	N	N	N	N	C	N	Y	N	N																			
Grunts/Sweetlips	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	C	Y	C	C	C	Y	Y	Y	C	C	C																		
Jawfish	Y	C	N	Y	Y	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	C	C																	
Hawkfish	Y	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	C	Y	C																
Hogfish	Y	Y	C	Y	C	C	C	Y	Y	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	Y	Y	C	C	Y	C	Y	N															
Lions/Scorpions	C	Y	Y	C	N	C	N	Y	C	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	C	Y	N	Y	C	N	N	C	Y														
Parrotfish	Y	Y	C	Y	C	Y	C	Y	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	C	C	C	Y	Y	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	C	Y													
Pseudochromis	Y	C	N	Y	N	C	C	Y	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	C	C	N	C	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	C	N	C	N												
Puffers	Y	Y	C	Y	C	Y	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	N										
Seahorse/ Pipefish	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	C	Y	N	N	N	C	N	N	C	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y								
Sharks/Rays	N	C	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	C	N	C	N	C	C	N	N	C	C	C	N	N	N	C									
Squirrelfish	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	Y	C	C	C	Y	C	C	C	C	Y	Y	C	N	Y	C	Y	C	C	Y	Y	Y	N	C	Y								
Tangs/ Surgeons	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	C	Y	C							
Triggerfish	C	C	N	C	N	N	C	C	C	N	C	C	C	N	N	C	N	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	N	C	N	N	C	C	C					
Wrasse - Reef Safe	Y	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	C	C	Y	Y	Y	C	C	C	Y	N	N	C	Y	C	C					
Wrasse - Fish Only	C	Y	C	C	C	C	C	Y	C	C	C	Y	Y	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	N	C	C	Y	C	C	C				
Live Corals	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	C	Y	C	Y	Y	C	Y	C	Y			
Invertebrates	C	C	C	Y	Y	C	Y	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	N	C	Y	C	C	Y	C	C	C	N	Y	N	C	N	C	Y	N	C	C	Y	Y		
Live Rock/Sand	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	