

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/. 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

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

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](#)
[Polit 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 Basses

[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.

