

## Rosy Barbs

*Puntius conchonius*



Above: Long Finned Rosy Barb

Right: Rosy Barbs



### Natural Range

The Rosy Barb originates from Bengal, India and some parts of South East Asia. They enjoy a tropical climate with fast flowing water to swim through.

### Maximum Size and Longevity

Rosy barbs can grow to a length of 8cm and live for up to 5 years if kept in the correct conditions.

### Water Quality

The Rosy Barb tolerates a wide range of water quality:

- Temperature: 14 - 26 °C
- pH: 6.5 —7.5
- GH: 50 - 150ppm

### Feeding

These barbs are omnivores and will eat almost any food you give to them such as flake, pellets, Aquarium Industries brand Frozen Brine & Frozen Bloodworm, live worm and live brine shrimp.

### Compatibility

Rosy Barbs are basically compatible with most community species. They adjust well to any sort of water conditions quickly. You can mix these fish with Goldfish, tetras, other barbs, mollies, platys and other medium sized species.

### Colour and Variety

Rosy Barbs are a typical barb shape. Males develop bright red sides and the end of the tail and other fins is black. Several new colour varieties have been developed with selective breeding enhancing the red colour. A long finned variety is also available. It should be noted that males display their best colours when kept with other males.

### Sexing

The males will have much brighter red colours than the females. The females will be rounder in the belly and shorter in length. Females also have a yellow tinge to them instead of a red colour like the males. The females also do not have the black tips on their fins and this is very noticeable.

### General Information

Once they are settled into a tank they become a vigorous feeder and will circle around the tank while being fed. Very active and hardy fish.

They are one of the easiest barbs to breed and ideal for beginners.

Ease of aquarium keeping = 1  
(1 = easy, 5 = difficult).

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