

Silver Perch

Bidyanus bidyanus



Size

In nature grows up to 40cm

Range

Found in the Murray-Darling drainage system.

Water Parameters

Silver Perch are comfortable at a pH of 7.0, with GH of about 150ppm. They prefer fast flowing water.

Temperature

Will tolerate a temperature range of between 5°C and 35°C

Feeding

In nature an omnivore, Silver Perch will greedily eat any Aquarium fish food. They have a small mouth and find it difficult to swallow even small fish.

General Comments

Silver Perch are now bred commercially in large numbers in Australia, for use in both aquariums and as food fish.

Juvenile Silver Perch (pictured above) make an interesting addition to either cold water or tropical aquariums, They are also suitable for dams or ponds in most areas of mainland Australia.

While young they are long and slender with a somewhat turned down mouth. Adults develop a deep body, attractive densely packed small scales and are usually a grey-green colour.

This species is best kept with some plant or rock cover as they tend to be "skittish" in a bare aquarium. They are constantly active which can sometimes upset more docile tank mates, but make an excellent addition to most tanks.

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