

Care Sheet

DOTTYBACKS

(TANK BRED TROPICAL SPECIES)

Pseudochromis fridmani (Orchid Dottyback)

Pseudochromis splendens (Splendid Dottyback)



Orchid Dottyback

- SIZE:** Can grow up to 7cm (P.fridmani).
Can grow up to 12cm in aquaria (P.splendens)
- RANGE:** Red Sea (P.fridmani), Indo-Pacific (P.splendens).
- TEMPERATURE:** These are tropical marine species.
Ideal range 24 – 26 deg Celsius
- FOOD:** Will eat most frozen and live foods and can be trained to eat dry foods.
- COLOUR:** Dottybacks are some of the most colourful marine reef species.
Orchid Dottybacks are a striking violet-purple colour with a dark stripe starting at the snout and passing through the eye.
Splendid Dottybacks are intricately patterned with yellow, black and blue colours.
- SEXING:** Orchid Dottyback males grow larger than females and the lower lobe of the tail fin is more elongated. Splendid Dottyback males are brighter than their female counterpart. Difficult to sex.



Splendid Dottyback

COMPATIBILITY: Dottybacks become territorial as they mature. Best to keep no more than one pair of each type per tank. They are not aggressive towards other species of Dottybacks or other marine fish. Provide plenty of hiding places.

REFERENCE MATERIAL: For information on marine aquarium fish keeping, we strongly recommend the book, Marine Problem Solver (Tetra Press).