

# Archer Fish

*Toxotes chatareus*



## Size

Can grow up to 40cm in nature, usually less than half this size in aquariums.

## Range

Coastal Tropical Asia and Coastal Northern Australia.

## Water

Can live in pure sea water to pure fresh water. Best kept in hard slightly alkaline water with a little salt added.

## Food

Prefers live food taken from the surface but easily trained to eat frozen, freeze dry, and dry foods.

## Temperament

Quite suitable for community tanks providing it is kept with fish about its own size.

## Comments

The archer fish is a hardy and showy species that adapts well to aquarium life.

Well known for its ability to shoot a jet of water from its upward-pointing mouth, accurately hitting insect prey up to 150cm away. This adaptation enables the archer fish to utilize a source of food not available to other fish.

They are capable of jumping, so it is advisable to keep their aquarium covered.

Little is known of their breeding biology and all fish offered for sale are collected from the wild. These magnificent fish have both elegance and fantastic speed, they are a real talking point and make a very worthwhile addition to the aquarium.

