

Australian Bass

Macquaria novemaculeata



Impressive Australian Native

The Australian Bass is a large and powerful angling fish capable of growing to a massive 55cm.

In the aquarium, juveniles (pictured above) are easy to care for and when grown make an impressive display.

Their natural distribution is coastal rivers and lakes from southern Queensland to eastern Victoria.

As aquarium fish they are usually quite compatible with fish about their own size.

Water Quality

- Temperature: 14°C - 24°C.
- Salinity : freshwater to 20 parts per thousand
- pH : 6.8 - 7.2
- General Hardness : 50ppm - 150ppm

Feeding

This species is a predator by nature, preferring live food such as shrimps, insect and fish. However, they can be trained to take frozen and fresh food like strips of beef heart etc.

Smaller individuals can be trained to take dried foods such as a Tetra Pellet.

