

## Zebra Danio

### *Brachydanio rerio*



Main Pic: Zebra Danio

Above: New varieties such as this LongFinned Golden Zebra Danio have emerged in recent years

#### Natural Range

Danios are native to the streams of Eastern India.

#### Maximum Size

Grows to about a maximum size of 5 cm

#### Water Quality

- Temperature: 16°C - 28°C.
- pH: 6.5—7.5
- General Hardness: 50—150 ppm.

#### Feeding

They are omnivorous and will thrive on any aquarium fish food such as Tetra Crisps or Tetra Min

#### Compatibility

These fish are a hardy, undemanding fish suitable for a tropical or temperate community tanks.

#### Colour and Varieties

It has a classic torpedo shaped body and it is named for its five, uniform, pigmented, horizontal blue stripes on the body that extend all the way to the end of the caudal fin. They are available in long finned and now other coloured varieties such as metallic blue and golden.

#### Sexing

Males have a more streamlined body and have gold stripes between the blue stripes while the females have a fuller body with silver stripes instead of gold. Danios are just about the easiest egg scatterer to breed. Several hundred non-adhesive eggs are laid and fall to the bottom of the tank. If not removed, both parents will eat their eggs after spawning.

#### General Information

This species is probably the perfect aquarium fish. It is always on the move, adding action and colour to the aquarium. Zebras are amongst the most peaceful of all fish and are best kept in a school of at least six fish.

Fluctuations in water temperature will not be a concern as Danios are cold water fish that are able to withstand a wide range of temperatures.

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