

Electric Yellow

Labidochromis caeruleus



Natural Range

Electric Yellows are native to the area between Charo and Mbowe Island in Lake Malawi, which is located in the East African Rift Valley. They inhabit rocky outcrops.

Maximum size and Longevity

Electric Yellows can grow up to 15cm in captivity. They will live for several years if well maintained.

Water Quality

Electric Yellows prefer hard, alkaline water.

- Temperature 23 to 28 °C
- pH 7.0 to 7.5
- General hardness 250—300ppm

Feeding

These fish will basically eat anything including flake foods small pellets, and occasional frozen brine shrimp. As with most Rift Lake cichlids they will benefit from the inclusion of vegetable based food in their diet.

Compatibility

Electric Yellows are a suitable companion for any African tank set-up. They are placid and calm but are big eaters. These fish are not aggressive, particularly when compared to other cichlids. However, mixing with small species should be avoided.

Colour and Varieties

As the name suggests these fish are bright yellow. They do have black lines on the dorsal and anal fins.

Sexing

The males are more colourful during breeding, while the females are a duller, more pale yellow colour. Some species are known to have egg spots on their anal fins.

General Information

Like other species in the Mbuna group, they generally grow larger in captivity than they do in nature. In nature they live in a rocky area and so they do best in aquariums that mimic their natural environment. Rocks can be stacked on top of each other to provide plenty of caves.

These fish are a striking addition to any cichlid aquarium and are one of the easiest cichlids to keep!

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