

Empire Gudgeon

Hypseleotris compressa



Natural Range

Empire Gudgeons have a large distribution around the coastal regions of Queensland and New South Wales through to Victoria.

Maximum size and Longevity

These gudgeons will grow up to 10cm. Their lifespan is 3 to 5 years if kept in a healthy environment.

Water Quality

These fish prefer neutral, soft to medium hardness water.

- Temperature 20 to 27°C
- pH 6.4 to 7.4
- General hardness 120ppm

Feeding

Empire Gudgeons are omnivorous and are voracious feeders. In the aquarium they readily take most foods including flake, pellet frozen foods and live foods. They do however prefer meaty food such as beef-heart and live worms.

Compatibility

Empire Gudgeons are suitable for a native community aquarium. Large specimens are capable of eating small fish like neon's so should not be mixed with small species. They are a peaceful fish that mix well with similar natured fish of the same or similar sizes. They stay at the bottom of the tank, so species that swim mid-level in the tank and at the top will be well suited to these fish.

Colour and Varieties

Male Empire Gudgeons in breeding colour are a spectacular sight. Both dorsal fins and the anal fin show brilliant bands of red and black with a contrasting blue-white edge. The females are olive – brown in colour and don't have the bright colours of a male.

Sexing

Males are usually larger than the females and have much more vibrant colours.

General Information

In the aquarium this species is hardy and quite undemanding. They are not at all shy and usually swim in the lower half of the aquarium. In nature they are usually found in flowing streams but are quite comfortable in brackish conditions as well. The empire gudgeon makes a very worth while addition to the community tank

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