

Honey Dwarf Gourami

(also Golden Honey Dwarf Gourami, Sunburst Dwarf Gourami or Honey Gourami)

Trichogaster chuna or *Colisa chuna*



Natural Range

These are found mostly in India in the Ganges River valley.

Maximum Size and Longevity

Honey Dwarf Gouramis can grow to 6cms and live for up to 4 years if kept in the correct conditions.

Water Quality

These Gouramis will like their water mainly neutral

- Temperature: 22°C - 28°C
- (optimal temp is 26°C)
- pH: 6.0—7.5
- General Hardness: 100—200 ppm.

Feeding

Honey Dwarf Gouramis are omnivorous, easy to feed fish. They readily feed on, flake, small pellets, live foods such as brine shrimp and live worms. However, care should be taken to ensure food particles are not too large as they have a relatively small mouth.

Compatibility

Honey Dwarf Gouramis are a placid fish and will live comfortably next to other gouramis and other fish that aren't too big and aggressive for them. They are good tank mates for species such as Corydoras, Danios, Loaches, White Clouds and catfish species.

Colour and Varieties

Honey Gouramis are a small fish with a golden honey type colour and flashes of red throughout the fish from its throat to its fins and tail. There are other colour varieties that include an orange flame colour and a normal dwarf honey colour which is more yellow through the body and has a large blue flash down its throat.

Sexing

The males are a lot brighter in colour as is common in all gouramis. The male is particularly brighter in colour during breeding season. The females are a slightly smaller but have plumper stomachs due to holding eggs.

General Information

Honey Dwarf Gouramis are one of the smallest Gouramis species and are an ideal community fish especially with other small species such as Tetras and Rasboras. They can be kept in groups on singularly. They prefer heavily planted tanks, and males will often build their bubble-nests if provided with floating plants.