

Peacock Gudgeon

Tateurndina ocellicauda



Natural Range

Peacock Gudgeons originate in Eastern Papua New Guinea. They inhabit slow flowing creeks and prefer habitats that are heavily vegetated.

Maximum Size and Longevity

Male Peacock Gudgeons grow to a maximum of 5 to 7cm, with females being slightly smaller.

Water Quality

Peacock Gudgeons are tolerant of a wide range of water qualities:

- Temperature: 23 - 28 °C
- pH: 6.5—7.5
- GH: 100 - 300 ppm

Feeding

Peacock Gudgeons are insectivores and eat a range of live and frozen foods. They will also eat flake, crumble and other dry foods. Frozen, fresh, and live food should make up the bulk of their diet, as they will not thrive on dry foods alone.

Compatibility

Peacock Gudgeons are a small peaceful fish that are suited to the community aquarium. Males can become slightly aggressive when spawning and defending the eggs.

Colour and Variety

The Peacock Gudgeon is a brightly coloured fish. The body is a light blue with orange, yellow and red markings on the body. These markings also extend into the fins and tail. These fish also have a black spot on the caudal peduncle at the base of the tail.

Sexing

Sexing of Peacock Gudgeons is easy in mature specimens. Males are larger with a large rounded head or nuchal hump. Females also have a yellow patch on the stomach when ready to spawn.

Peacock Gudgeons are cave spawners and are known to spawn in community tanks.

General Information

Peacock Gudgeons are a great addition to the community tank and swim in all parts of the tanks. They prefer planted aquariums with plenty of hiding places with caves where they can spawn. They are best kept as pairs or small colonies.

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