Scissortail Black Rasbora

Rasbora trilineata

belongs to the Family Cyprinidae

Natural Range

Sumatra, Borneo and Malaysia. Found in slow moving rivers and streams

Maximum Size and Longevity

Up to 13cm, may live up to 4 years

Water Quality

- Temperature: 23°C - 26°C.
- pH: 6.0—7.5
- General Hardness: 100—150 ppm.

Feeding

Black Scissortail Rasboras are not fussy eaters as they are an omnivore, and will eat many fish foods including flakes, freeze dried and live foods. A good community food such as Tetra Crisps are ideal as a staple diet. As with many fish, try to vary their diet for optimum health and colors. They eat insects in the wild but this can difficult to provide in the home aquarium, but will readily take mosquito larvae or daphnia if provided.

Compatibility

The Scissortail has been a popular species for many years. It is a peaceful, hardy fish that is active in the aquarium, yet does not annoy other fish. They look best when kept in small schools; and are excellent community fish. They go particularly well with peaceful Tetras and other Rasboras, smaller bottom dwelling species such as the Corydoras Catfish or Bristlenose Catfish. They will bring lots of activity to the top levels of your aquarium and should not bother any of their tank mates.

Colour and Varieties

The Black Scissortail Rasbora have a forked tail or caudal fin that has black and white markings on it. There is also a horizontal black bar on the mid section that runs the length of the body. The forked tail gives them a unique swimming style that is the reason for the common name. Their tail makes an opening and closing scissor like motion while swimming.

Sexing

The Black Scissortail Rasboras are generally fairly difficult to breed. The sexes can only be distinguished by the fact that adult males are a little smaller and more slender than the female. They prefer soft acid water for spawning and will scatter their adhesive eggs around the tank where they stick to plants, rocks and other material. For this reason spawning mops is preferred method for reproduction.

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