

Silver Dollar

Metynnis hypsauchen



Natural Range

Amazon and Paraguay River Basins

Maximum Size and Longevity

They can reach a maximum size of approximately 18cm and can live for around 10 years.

Water Quality

- Temperature: 22°C - 26°C.
- pH: 6.5—7.5
- General Hardness: 50—150 ppm.

Feeding

Silver Dollars are predominantly vegetarian and will eat aquatic plants in a tank. They will accept all fish foods like Tetramin Tropical crisps, Tetramin Tropical flakes, Tetramin Tropical granules. It is important to provide some vegetable matter in their diet. They also readily feed on many types of AI Naturals Range frozen food.

Compatibility

Despite being a close relative of Piranhas, they are a peaceful species. They are non-aggressive, hardy community species that will mix with most other community species. However, mixing large adult specimens with small species, (eg Neon Tetras) should be avoided.

Colour and Varieties

Silver Dollars have a deeply compressed body, similar in shape to Discus and Angelfish. Their predominant colour is solid silver, sometimes with a bluish/grey tinge. The anal fin has a red edge, with the dorsal fins developing dark spots and a yellow or red tinge as the fish age.

Sexing

Males can be distinguished from females by their longer red anal fin. They are egg layers and will spawn in aquariums under the right conditions. Eggs will hatch after 4 to 5 days with the resulting fry fed on infusoria.

General Information

Silver Dollars belong to the group Characins (Tetra) and have a similar body structure to piranha. While they are also related to Piranha, they are in fact a peaceful community fish that can be a bit skittish or timid. Like other Tetra species, they are best kept in schools of at least 3-4. Silver Dollars are ideal to mix with other medium to large peaceful species.

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