

Black Neon Tetra

Hyphessobrycon herbertaxelrodi



Natural Range

These tetras are native to Paraguay and the southern parts of Brazil.

Maximum Size and Longevity

They will grow to approximately 4cms and can live for up to 5 years.

Water Quality

Prefer soft acid water

- Temperature: 22°C - 27°C.
- pH: 5.5—7.0
- General Hardness: 100 ppm.

Feeding

Black Neon Tetras are an omnivore and will feed on live foods such as brine shrimp and live black worm. They also readily take a variety of fish foods such as flake and TetraMin Tropical Crisps.

Compatibility

These tetras are a peaceful fish and will be compatible with most other tetras, they should be kept in a school of about 6 or more. Larger, aggressive fish such as Angel fish are not recommended tank mates.

Colour and Varieties

Silver belly with a black top underneath the dorsal and a green to white line through the body from the eye to the tail, they are shaped similar to Kerri Tetra just smaller.

Sexing and Breeding

It is not that hard to tell the difference between males and females. Females will be a lot plumper and rounder in the body due to their bellies being full with eggs. Black neon's are egg layers and will lay their eggs in a scattered formation, laying them on leaves glass and rocks in the aquarium. Parents should be removed from the tank after they laid the eggs as the adults will eat the eggs and fry.

General Information

A lot of people think that Black Neon tetras and Neon tetras are the same types of fish; this is not true. Although having the same names (Neon) these fish are completely different and have variations on the water quality they will live in and the level of difficulty in keeping them. Keeping them in a tank with plants will let them hide under the leaves and make them feel less stressed.

