

## White Cloud also called Whitecloud Mountain Minnow

*Tanichthys albonubes*



Left: White Clouds

Top Right: Long Finned White Cloud

Bottom Right: Golden White Cloud



### Natural Range

White clouds are found in Southern China, particularly around Whitecloud Mountain.

### Maximum Size and Longevity

White clouds will grow to 4cm and live to be 5 to 7 years old if kept correctly in the right conditions.

### Water Quality

White clouds tolerate a wide range of water conditions.

- Temperature: 18°C - 26°C, but can survive down to temperatures of 5°C.
- pH: 6.0—8.0
- General Hardness: 50—200 ppm.

### Feeding

White clouds are omnivorous and have few demands for special foods when it comes to feeding. A simple flake food will be fine. On occasions feeding them with frozen foods such as Brine Shrimp or Bloodworm will be beneficial.

### Compatibility

White clouds are a peaceful fish that can co-exist with most other varieties of community fish. Avoid keeping them with large predatory fish that can consume them and keep them in a school of 6 or more.

### Colour and Varieties

The wild type White cloud has a silver to green colouration through the body and a red dorsal and caudal fins, they also have a bright yellow edges on the anal and other fins. There is also a Golden variety and long-finned variety that have been selectively bred.

### Sexing

The males are slimmer and longer with brighter red on their fins that are erected when breeding. The females are shorter with a fuller body and belly. These fish are egg scatterers that breed readily and are recommended for novice breeders.

### General Information

The majority of White clouds sold today are farmed in Asia, with the species now being very rare in the wild. The white clouds popularity can be attributed to its peaceful nature, its pleasant colour, and the fact that it is compatible in either tropical or cold water aquaria. While being a tropical species, they can be kept in unheated aquaria or ponds in most areas of Australia. These fish make an excellent addition to goldfish tanks and bowls where their schooling habit, bright, lively nature adds life and action to the goldfish aquarium. Provide a well planted tank with plenty of swimming space. White clouds are best kept in schools of 6 or more fish and are an excellent beginner fish.