

## Silver Perch

*Bidyanus bidyanus*



### Natural Range

Found in the Murray-Darling drainage system.

### Maximum Size

In nature grows up to 40cm.

### Water Quality

- Temperature: 10°C—26°C
- pH: 6.5—7.5
- General Hardness: 50—200 ppm

### Feeding

Silver Perch are easily fed as they will accept most standard aquarium fish foods. Suitable foods include AI Naturals frozen food and suitably sized pellet food.

In nature this fish is an omnivore eating a wide range of food including shrimps, aquatic insects, yabbies and plant matter.

### General Information

Silver Perch are now bred commercially in large numbers in Australia, for use in both aquariums and as food fish.

Juvenile Silver Perch (pictured above) make an interesting addition to unheated aquariums. They are also suitable for dams or ponds in many areas of mainland Australia. (Check with your local authorities before stocking dams or other water bodies)

While young they are long and slender; adults develop a deeper body and are usually a grey-green colour.

This species is best kept with some plant or rock cover as they tend to be “skittish” in a bare aquarium. They are constantly active which can sometimes upset more docile tank mates, but make an excellent addition to most tanks.