

Aquarium fish care chart



Water ranges, adult size, minimum tank, group size and lifespan for every species AquaCompat covers.

Species	Temperature	pH	GH (dGH)	Adult size	Min. tank	Min. group	Temperament	Lifespan
Amano Shrimp <i>Caridina multidentata</i>	65–81 °F	6–7.5	6–15	2.0 in	10 gal	1	peaceful	2–3 yr
Angelfish <i>Pterophyllum scalare</i>	75–86 °F	6–8	5–15	6 in	53 gal	1	semi-aggressive	8–12 yr
Assassin Snail <i>Anentome helena</i>	75–80 °F	7.2–8	6–20	1.0 in	5 gal	1	peaceful	–
Betta Fish <i>Betta splendens</i>	72–86 °F	6–8	1–15	2.8 in	10 gal	1	semi-aggressive	–
Bristlenose Pleco <i>Ancistrus sp. (3), sold as Ancistrus cf. cirrhosus</i>	72–79 °F	6–7.2	2–15	5.0 in	20 gal	1	peaceful	–
Cardinal Tetra <i>Paracheirodon axelrodi</i>	73–84 °F	4–7.5	1–12	1.4 in	15 gal	8	peaceful	–
Cherry Shrimp <i>Neocaridina davidi</i>	70–79 °F	6.5–8	6–10	1.5 in	5 gal	10	peaceful	1–2 yr
Chili Rasbora <i>Boraras brigittae</i>	72–82 °F	6–7	1–10	0.8 in	10 gal	8	peaceful	–
Corydoras <i>Corydoras spp.; reference species Corydoras aeneus, now Osteogaster aenea</i>	70–81 °F	6.5–7.5	2–15	3.0 in	20 gal	6	peaceful	–
Crystal Red Shrimp <i>Caridina cantonensis (aquarium 'Crystal Red' bee shrimp; trade also uses Caridina cf. cantonensis and Caridina logemanni)</i>	70–74 °F	6.2–7	4–6	1.2 in	10 gal	–	peaceful	1–2 yr
Discus <i>Symphysodon spp.</i>	79–86 °F	5–7.6	0–8	5.5 in	67 gal	6	peaceful	3–5 yr
Dwarf Gourami <i>Trichogaster lalius</i>	72–81 °F	6–7.5	2–18	3.5 in	15 gal	1	semi-aggressive	2–4 yr
Endler's Livebearer <i>Poecilia wingei</i>	75–81 °F	7–8.5	15–25	1.0 in	10 gal	3	peaceful	–
Galaxy Rasbora <i>Danio margaritatus</i>	72–78 °F	6.6–7.5	5–15	0.8 in	10 gal	10	peaceful	–
GloFish Tetra <i>Gymnocorymbus ternetzi</i>	68–79 °F	6–7	5–18	2.4 in	20 gal	6	peaceful	3–5 yr
Goldfish <i>Carassius auratus</i>	59–70 °F	6–8	5–19	10 in	48 gal	1	peaceful	6–20 yr

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Guppy <i>Poecilia reticulata</i>	68–82 °F	7–8	8–30	2.4 in	10 gal	5	peaceful	2–3 yr
Harlequin Rasbora <i>Trigonostigma heteromorpha</i>	72–79 °F	5–7.5	1–12	2.0 in	15 gal	8	peaceful	–
Kenya Cichlid <i>Maylandia lombardoi</i>	75–79 °F	7.6–8.5	10–25	5.9 in	55 gal	–	aggressive	–
Kuhli Loach <i>Pangio kuhlii</i> / <i>Pangio semicincta</i>	74–79 °F	3.5–7	0–8	3.9 in	15 gal	5	peaceful	–
Molly <i>Poecilia sphenops</i> / <i>Poecilia latipinna</i> complex (<i>hobby strains, often hybrids</i>)	70–82 °F	7.5–8.5	15–25	5 in	20 gal	3	peaceful	–
Mystery Snail <i>Pomacea diffusa</i>	70–78 °F	7.2–8	8–12	2.6 in	5 gal	1	peaceful	1–2 yr
Neon Tetra <i>Paracheirodon innesi</i>	70–77 °F	5–7.5	1–12	1.2 in	15 gal	8	peaceful	–
Nerite Snail <i>Neritina natalensis</i> (<i>now Vittina natalensis</i>); <i>hobby name covers several Neritina and related nerites</i>	72–79 °F	7.2–8	10–15	1.0 in	5 gal	1	peaceful	1–2 yr
Oscar <i>Astronotus ocellatus</i>	74–80 °F	6–8	5–20	14 in	75 gal	1	semi-aggressive	10–20 yr
Peacock Cichlid <i>Aulonocara</i> spp. (<i>reference species: Aulonocara stuartgranti</i>)	73–79 °F	7.5–8.5	10–25	5.1 in	55 gal	5	semi-aggressive	–
Platy <i>Xiphophorus maculatus</i>	68–77 °F	7–8.2	10–20	2.4 in	14 gal	3	peaceful	3–4 yr
Yellow Lab <i>Labidochromis caeruleus</i>	75–79 °F	7.7–8.5	10–25	3.9 in	40 gal	4	semi-aggressive	–
Zebra Danio <i>Danio rerio</i>	65–75 °F	6–8	5–20	2.0 in	20 gal	8	peaceful	3.5–5.5 yr

Each value comes from the species' sourced fact file (FishBase, Seriously Fish, PlanetCatfish, university extension and peer-reviewed sources); ranges are the consensus across sources. Checked 22 October 2026. Free to print and share under CC BY 4.0 with credit to AquaCompat (aquacompat.com/free-charts/).