

Molly

Poecilia velifera



Tropical Aquarium Fish

The Molly is one of the most popular aquarium fish, as their active, inquisitive nature and wide range of colours results in an attractive display.

Range

From Mexico to Colombia

Temperature

The Molly is suited to tropical tanks and requires a temperature range of between 22 °C and 26 °C

Water

The Molly prefers slightly alkaline, fairly hard water. pH 7.0—8.0. GH 200—300 ppm. As with all Livebearers, use Livebearer Water Conditioner.

Feeding

The Molly will accept any aquarium food, but in order to maintain top condition it does require some vegetable matter. They will also eat algae which they will find for themselves by constantly grazing on plants or other surfaces in the aquarium.

Temperament

The Molly is extremely peaceful, and makes an ideal community fish.

Livebearer

Molly's are livebearers, meaning that the female gives birth to fully formed, free swimming babies!

Colour and Shape Variations

Part of the Molly's appeal lies in it's attractive colours. Pictured above are Gold, Silver, Black and Dalmation Mollies. They can also come in Red, Green, Chocolate or Orange.

The Balloon Molly (below) is so named because they have a shorter, deeper body than normal Mollies.



The Lyretail Molly has a beautiful "Lyre" shaped tail, while the Sailfin Molly has a highly developed top fin.



Lyretail Molly



Male Sailfin Molly

care sheet

