

Neon/Dwarf Rainbowfish (Melanotaenia Praecox)

Distribution: Indonesia

Water temperature: 23-28 degrees Celsius

Max size: 1.5-2.5 inches

Ideal tank size: 50 litres and above

The male fish has bright red fins contrasting a blue iridescent body that shimmers in the aquarium. The female has orange-yellow fins contrasting a silver body. Peaceful and a great rainbowfish for a smaller community setup.



At least one pair should be kept, although given the space a small shoal of 6-8 (or more) would be perfect. A general community of similar size fish would work well or a bigger species only setup would really show off their bright colours!

They occupy the middle level of the tank and appreciate a planted setup with a sand or fine gravel substrate.

They eat flake food and frozen/live foods, such as brineshrimp, cyclops or bloodworm.