

## Cardinal Tetra (Paracheirodon Axelrodi)

**Distribution:** Rio Negro, The Amazon

**Water temperature:** 23-28 degrees Celsius

**Max size:** Female 2 inches, Male 1.25 inches

**Ideal tank size:** 50 litres and above

A very peaceful shoaling fish that should be kept in a minimum group size of 6. A large group of 30/40+ looks great in a large heavily planted tank.



They occupy the middle-top levels of the tank so are not overly concerned on substrate choice, although a darker gravel will contrast their bright colours nicely. The shoaling movement of this species is very relaxing to watch. A very popular fish in the hobby.

I have twelve in my community aquarium, three of which are well over four years old. The maximum lifespan in a well-cared for aquarium is around five years.

They mainly eat tropical flake and sinking pellets but can be found sucking on bloodworm like it's liquorice.