

## Black Moor Goldfish (Carassius Auratus)

**Distribution:** available worldwide, but originally created in China (a man-made species)

**Water temperature:** 18-22 degrees Celsius, can be kept in an unheated aquarium

**Max size:** 4-6 inches, sometimes bigger

**Ideal tank size:** 75 litres and above

One of the most popular and readily available fancy goldfish species. Peaceful, friendly and very hardy, they can live for 10-15 years! Older fish can usually be identified as they start to turn bronze from the belly up.

Given the correct setup and plenty of space a group of 4-5 would be ideal. They are very greedy and messy so a larger than usual filter should be used, plus regular water changes to keep the water quality optimal. As they are not the greatest swimmers a slow flow will help them a great deal.



A lot of fish keepers opt for a bare bottom tank to help with fish waste and prevent detritus build up. A thin fine grain substrate or sand could be used to make the tank look more appealing.

They should be provided with a variety of foods including sinking pellets, frozen brineshrimp and cyclops, veggies (such as cucumber or shelled peas). Flake food is often used but it should be of high quality and ideally not fed every day, swim bladder problems can occur when goldfish gulp large amounts of air from the water surface.