

Rosy Red Minnow

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Rosy Reds are mostly sold as feeder fish in fish stores. They are the fish that you'll see 500+ packed in a bag. If being used as a feeder, they'll need to be quarantined, and medicated so that it will not pass on parasites.

If you plan on keeping them in a community aquarium they should also be treated for parasites. They make a great addition to a pond.

Rosy Reds are a popular pond fish, often used as a dither fish for fancy goldfish and koi. In a pond they are a great addition to a community tank.

These are a very inexpensive, hardy fish. They are a great addition to someone who wants a cool water fish.

The males will care for their eggs and fry. Their breeding behavior is somewhat similar to cichlids. Over a year.

Care Information

Temperament: Does great in a community tank of cool water fish. Be wary when housing with other species that are territorial.
Breeding: Egg layer. Very easy to breed in home aquaria. Although they mature at around 6 months.
Tank Size: minimum of 10 gallons. This is a social species that must be kept in a group of at least 3.
Compatible Tank Mates: White cloud minnows, blue gouramis, dojo loaches, goldfish.
Fish Disease: Freshwater Fish Disease internal parasites from cramped conditions in fish stores.
Diet / Fish Food: Omnivorous. Will eat goldfish flakes and pellets. Also enjoys veggie greens and live food such as daphnia.
Tank Region: Middle to bottom of the aquarium
Gender: Males are larger with rounder fins.

Freshwater Fish Species Profile

Scientific Name: *Pimephales promelas*

Common Name

Rosy Red Minnow, Fathead minnow, Tuffies, Rosies, Red Top Minnows, Blackhead Minnow, Bait Fish

Care Level

Easy and very hardy fish, good for beginners

Size: 2 - 3 inches (8 cm)

pH: 7.0 to 8.0

Temperature: 60 - 70 °F

Lifespan: 3 years, possibly longer

Origin/Habitat: over North America with introduced species in other parts of the world with sometimes