



ARCHERFISH

Toxotes chatareus



Archerfish are famous for their ingenious ability to direct a squirt of water at insects sitting above the water surface, knocking the insect down so that they can pounce on it. Large fish can precisely shoot water up to 2-3 metres in distance! There are even various stories of unsuspecting Archerfish owners having water squirted in their eye as they peered down over the tank! Archerfish can become very tame and make a great pet fish.

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KEEPING SNAPSHOT

Difficulty: Intermediate
Max Growth Size: 25 cm
Temperament: Generally peaceful.

PREFERRED WATER PARAMETERS

Temperature: 22-27 degrees celsius
pH Level: 7.0 - 8.2
General Hardness: Moderate - Hard

RANGE

Northern Australia, usually near coast. Also occurs in South-east Asia.

REPRODUCTION

Egg scatterer, breed in wet season in fresh or brackish water. Spawned in captivity after hormone injection.

FEEDING

Surface feeder, accepts most foods.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS