



Venezuela Oscar

Argentinean Oscar, *Astronotus crassipinnis* (Heckel, 1840)

Order: Perciformes - Family: Cichlidae - Subfamily: Astronotinae



Overview:

Description: Argentinian Oscar, *Astronotus crassipinnis*

Physical Characteristics: Appearance: length - 24 cm SL (scientific wild specimen described) in aquaria apparently can reach much larger sizes. Paint to a large extent similar to that of *A. ocellatus*. Distinguishing features: a thick brown background color and crisp vertical stripes, no spots on the back and base of the dorsal fin.

Sexual Dimorphism: Sex is hard to distinguish the male somewhat brighter colored.

Origin: South America. Basins of the Amazon (upper), Parana and Paraguay. Bolivia, Paraguay, Peru, South Brazil.

Color Form: brown background color

Temperament: A peaceful fish that can be kept in a spacious aquarium. Get ample hiding places and have a thick layer of sand. These fish counts and love hunleefomgeving to suit their specific needs.

Diet: They are omnivorous, small fish inevitably end up as food. Pellets, flakes and frozen food is eagerly taken. They are messy eaters, you often see a portion of the food back out through the gills disappear. A good filter is essential.

Breeding: The hardest part is, how do I get a couple. Take a couple of proven or even better let herself a couple shapes from a group of juveniles that you yourself have brought. *A. crassipinnis* is an open substrate when the light bulb between brother and the parents will be the courtship after the eggs on a substrate (stone, wood) are deposited. Both parents are involved with parental care. The care of both the eggs and the fry will be held in the same manner as those we know from most American cichlids.

Minimum Tank Size:

Care Level:

Water Conditions:

Max. Size:

Purchase Size (Appr):

Aquarium Setup: The bigger the better, as described decorated with lots of hiding places and a large open swimming space interspersed with flat stones, which can serve as an outlet substrate. In nature these fish in calm waters. Coarse plants if the roots are covered with stones can any alternative large plastic plants, available from Xenos, advantage they do not die and will not be damaged by the digging behavior of these fish. Rinse the plastic plants regularly, so they stay fresh and green. A water temperature of around 25 degrees and regular water changes and a subdued lighting will these fish do well. May also lack an effective filter.

