

Fly Speckled Hardyhead

Craterocephalus stercusmuscarum



Natural Range

NT, QLD, NSW and into Victoria. This native fish occurs in rivers, small streams, lakes, ponds, reservoirs and warm springs.

Maximum Size

Fly Speckled Hardyhead grow to 8cm.

Water Quality

Tolerant of a wide range of water quality and has a high salt tolerance

- Temperature: 22 - 26 °C
- pH: 7.0— 7.6
- GH: 150 –300ppm

Feeding

Fly Speckled Hardyhead are carnivorous in the wild and feed primarily on insects and small invertebrates. In the aquarium they are known to eat algae and most prepared foods. They should be fed some frozen foods such as brine shrimp and daphnia to maintain good health.

Compatibility

A peaceful species that is best kept in small schools. Provide plants for cover.

Colour and Variety

The Flyspecked Hardyhead has a slender, cylindrical body covered with black dots which give rise to the common name. These fish are golden yellow to deep green along the back, getting lighter in colour towards the belly. They also have grey to silver stripe running from the snout to the tail.

Sexing

The sexes are relatively easy to tell apart. Breeding males have a yellow belly, with females having a black blotch near their vent. Females also tend to have much less colour on the body. Will spawn on plants or a spawning mop in the aquarium.

General Information

An attractive schooling species that should be kept in schools of at least 4 fish.

Native