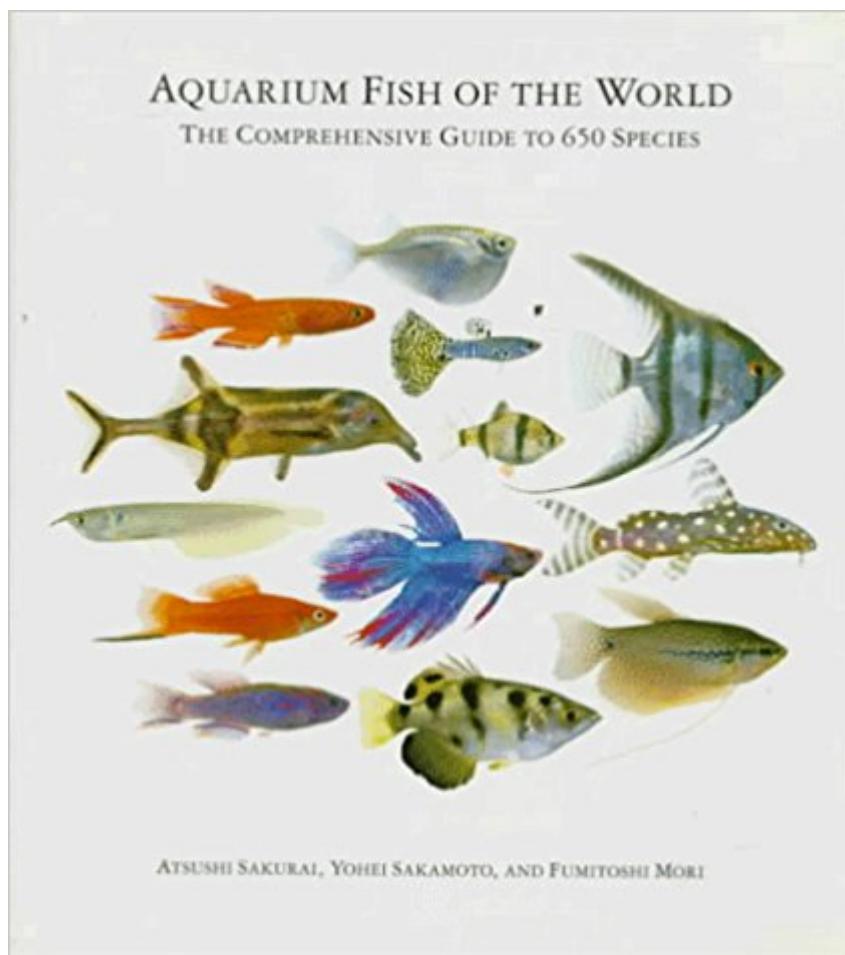


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# Aquarium Fish Of The World: The Comprehensive Guide To 650 Species



## Synopsis

Spectacularly illustrated with 1,300 full-color photographs, this encyclopedic guide to one of the world's most popular hobbies showcases the shimmering diversity of 800 kinds of freshwater aquarium fish from every corner of the world. It is the only book available that features representative species of each family ingeniously photographed -- both in an aquatic environment and against a white background -- highlighting their shapes and distinctive markings. An authoritative text provides a detailed description of the characteristics, feeding habits, breeding behavior, and native habitats of each fresh and brackish water species, as well as information on its care. The consummate guide to an exciting hobby, *Aquarium Fish of the World* is sure to become a classic reference book for aquarium fish enthusiasts everywhere.

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Comprised primarily of striking color photographs, this volume includes freshwater and brackish water aquarium fish from all areas of the world. Photos show the fish in their natural habitats and against a plain background that highlights their distinctive characteristics. The book was written by fisheries biologists, and its strength lies in relating each fish to its place in the classification and to the area of the world from which it originates. Brief notes about care in the aquarium, tank temperature, pH, type of food, and ease of culture are included, but Dick Mills and Jerry Young's *Aquarium Fish* ( LJ 11/15/93) and Nick Dakin's *The Macmillan Book of the Marine Aquarium* ( LJ 8/93) provide much fuller detail on required aquarium conditions. A classification list, world distribution maps, and index by scientific name are provided. Recommended for libraries wishing to

provide a comprehensive aquarium collection for experienced hobbyists.- Judith B. Barnett, Pell Marine Science Lib., Univ. of Rhode Island, KingstonCopyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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I have a large collection of books about aquarium fishes, plants, etc. and, without a doubt, this is one of the best. The photographic illustrations are just about as good as it gets with many images devoted to breeding behaviors. The layout is beautiful and the descriptions are concise, if not as detailed as I prefer. Overall, I highly recommend this book for anyone in the aquarium hobby or business. It is an excellent addition to any collection and worth owning for the illustrations alone.

These Japanese fellows have produced some of the most concise, standardized, illustrative photos I've ever seen. I think they must have used a computer to get some of the images just so. So for identification this is great. For finding out what a given species looks like if you haven't seen any photos of it, it is also great. The organization is scientific and I enjoyed the introductory chart showing all the classes, orders, families, sub-families etc. But the short blurbs on each species are just way too brief for anything but a cursory view. I have carefully thought about buying this book just for its strengths, and may yet as used copies are currently only about \$8. Outstanding photography!January 16th 2009 Update: I borrowed this book from my local library, and this morning looked at it again sitting there, knowing it must go back and hence no longer in my possession for reference. So I decided to buy it on . It was \$7.87 for a good copy of this hardback classic and the seller was right here in Washington state. Really for 8 bucks this is a very good book to have. I will say again what I said above, that somehow the authors have managed to create photos of all the fish that are standardized in their orientation, sizing, and look. They would, ordinarily be drawings or paintings, to get this kind of uniformity, but you can see they are photos! Simply masterful job!

Very good detail.

just what we were looking for. good value, packed well, quick shipment. Thanks You.

I bought a book. It was full of pictures of fish. It was just what I was looking for. I'm happy with this

purchase.

I have several aquariums this is one of my favorite resources identifies and describes most fish i come across can't live without it

This book isn't bad but it is really only useful for identifying species. If you need more information on the care and compatibility with other species look somewhere else.

"A Comprehensive Guide to 650 Species", is what appears just under the title, and that's exactly what it is. This well organized book from Japanese scholars contains 11 chapters: Characoids, Cyprinids, Loaches, Cichlids, Nandids, Anabantoids, Livebearers, Killifishes, Catfishes, Rainbowfishes, and Miscellaneous Fishes. Each chapter starts with the general characteristics of that type of fish, and pictures of the more common representatives. Next is a series of poster-like pages, where the upper part is filled with randomly placed photos of the fish and the bottom part lists care and breeding info of each. At the end there's an index by scientific name and one by common name. Noteworthy is the fact that the authors are very careful to present the correct scientific name of each species.

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