

Ornamental Fish from all over the world



Pseudobagrus trilineatus



This very interesting catfish originates from China. We received our first importation of the species now. The fish become about 7.5 cm long and live endemically (= they occur nowhere else) in the Dong Jiang influence in the Chinese province of Guangdong. There is no universal agreement among ichthyologist in which genus this fish should be placed. Most of them place *trilineatus* in *Pseudobagrus*, but some in *Tachysurus*.

Against each other our specimens are rather peaceful, but they look for some individual distance. So one should offer a hiding place for each individual on its own in the aquarium.

It is best to keep these fish at room temperature. The tank should be furnished with sand and stones, just as it looks like in a small river or larger brook. This environment suites the catfish best. *P. trilineatus* are carnivorous fishes; they take readily all types of flakes, frozen or live fishfood. One should not keep them along with too small other fish, for they could be taken for food also.

For our customers: the animals have code 456333 on our stocklist. Please note that we exclusively supply the wholesale trade.

Lexicon: Pseudobagrus: means "wrong Bagrus". Bagrus is another genus of catfish. trilineatus: means "with three lines".

Suggestion of a common name: Golden brook catfish

Text & photo: Frank Schäfer

Gymnocorymbus cf. thayeri



Sometimes we obtain animals as so-called accidental catches. And sometimes these fish have never been reported so far from the area we got them from. The silver widow tetra (*Gymnocorymbus thayeri*) is a close relative to one of the most popular tetras in the hobby, the black widow tetra (*G. ternetzi*). Both look quite similar to each other, but the silver widow has a golden or silver basic colour and an attractive, copper-red eye.

The silver widow is reported so far only from the upper Amazon in Bolivia and Colombia and in Brazil. We now received three specimens as by-catch to a new species of *Serrapinnus* from Peru (see http://www.aquariumglaser.de/en/serrapinnus-sp-aff-kriegi-peru_de_1578.html). To the best of our knowledge this is the first report of *G. thayeri* for Peru.

However, it is possible that our fish represent also a new species. Thus we decided to name them cf. *thayeri* (cf. stands for "confer", a Latin word that means "compare with").

Lexicon: *Gymnocorymbus*: means "with naked crest"; this refers to the scaleless region in the neck. *thayeri*: dedication name for N. Thayer,

who sponsored an important ichthyological expedition through South America from 1865-1866.

Common name: Silver widow tetra

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