



Genera: *Carassius auratus*

Family: Cyprinidae.

Geographic Origin: Asia. Originally Central China.
Many varieties are selectively bred worldwide.

Common Names: Common Goldfish, Comets, Bristol & London Shubunkins.

Compatibility: These fish will grow to 350mm but rarely so, as most are kept in aquariums or garden ponds. They are quite compatible with any other fish of a similar size.

Minimum Aquarium Size: A 600mm x 380mm x 380mm (24" x 15" x 15") aquarium should be considered as the minimum. For fish over 80mm, then a tank of at least 1500mm x 450mm x 450mm (60" x 18" x 18") will be necessary.

Temperature: 0°-28°C (32°-80°F). In general, our ambient temperatures are satisfactory. In ponds, oxygen deficiency at summer temperatures will cause problems.

Habitat: All singletail goldfish are suitable for stocking garden ponds. Many are also kept satisfactorily in aquariums. To successfully over-winter, the pond must have an area 900mm deep and be cleared of mulm and rotting leaves in late Autumn.

Water: These fish are not fussy when it comes to water as long as it is low in nitrate and devoid of chlorine; one should avoid changing more than a third of their water at any one time unless absolutely necessary.

Health: Not particularly prone to health problems. Physical damage, perhaps due to vigorous spawning, may cause fungus problems. Always treat in a separate container.

Diet : Omnivorous. Will basically consume anything. Many commercial foods available. It is important to vary the diet and feed a live food at least twice a week if possible.

Plants: Will enjoy a well-planted tank.

Breeding Notes: Will spawn spontaneously in an outside pond when water temperatures rise in Spring. Inter-variety breeding prevalent unless steps are taken to separate varieties and control spawning as required.

Availability: Commercially-bred fish widely available. Line-bred specimens only available from specialist breeder. Before you buy, check that the fish appears healthy and alert; avoid listless fish with folded fins.

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