

# Small fierce fish

Female



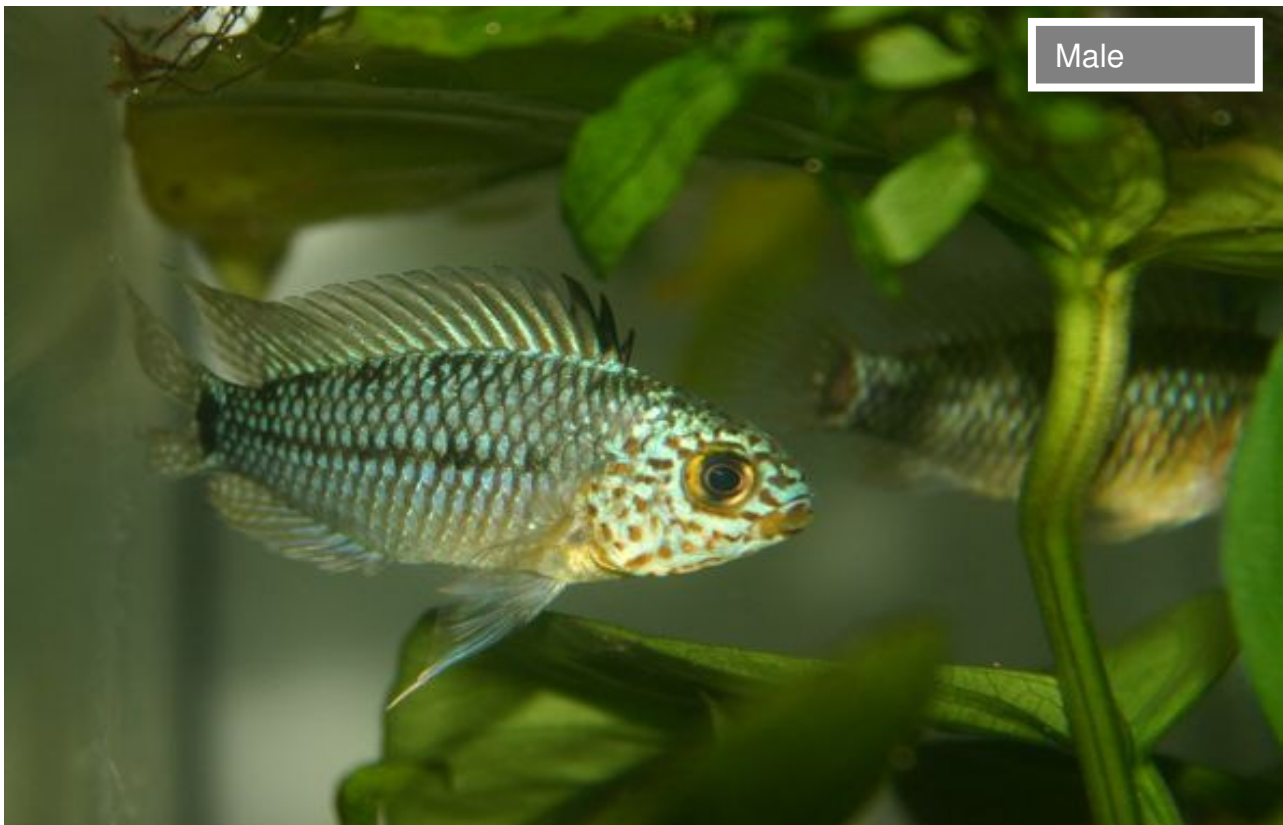
The unknown *Apistogramma*. Possibly not a true species, but a hybrid. Its official name should be *Apistogramma* "Blue Steel" or *Apistogramma* "Blaukopf" ("blue-head").

Male





In *Apistogramma* “Blue Steel” or *Apistogramma* “Blaukopf” (“blue-head”), females are much less commonly sold than males. Originally it was suggested that female juveniles didn’t survive to adulthood, or possibly weren’t shipped as a way of “protecting” the strain. Females are now occasionally available, and have been bred.



Female A. "Blue steel" do exist, and are shipped. They are, however, very difficult to sex. The dorsal fin in the male is longer and pointed (usually) , the females will have much, much less face blue (sometimes none.. sometimes some), and the female's pelvic fins will have the lower parts lined in black.. (some of the males do as well)

