

# JULY NEWS

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*Hopefully, with the cold weather upon us, you will all have the heaters going in your tropical and salt water tanks. This month we are featuring a mini heater, suitable for 5 to 10 litre tanks and great to keep your Siamese Fighter warm this winter.*

*We also have a massive run-out special on discontinued AquaVis 130 setups. These all-in-one setups are ideal for freshwater or fish-only marine and are an amazing bargain, so be quick while stocks are available. Be sure not to miss the great range of freshwater catfish in stock at the moment and, as always, plenty of marine fish and invertebrates, so we hope to see you in store soon. Until next month - good fishkeeping.*

## **FRESHWATER PLANT OF THE MONTH – SCARLET LUDWIGIA**



Ludwigia is a natural aquatic plant, most varieties of which originate from South America. It is a favourite of aquarists as it is a hardy, fast growing plant. This narrow leaf variety has red leaves contrasting nicely with the bright green stems. Dosing with iron based aquatic fertilizers will increase the red colouration. Ludwigia is sold in bunches, and as a cutting plant can be trimmed if growing too tall and the offcuts replanted to form new plants. As with all true aquatic plants, do not dump unwanted plants into waterways where there is a potential for them to become a pest. Regular price \$6.50. **NOW \$5.50 PER BUNCH.**

## **MARINE FISH OF THE MONTH GREEN MANDARIN FISH**

These are, without doubt, one of the most beautifully coloured and bizarrely patterned marine fish. A member of the dragonet



family, Mandarin fish will usually grow to a maximum of 10cm, usually less, and are a substrate dweller. Males can be differentiated from the females by the extended first dorsal ray and they have been known to spawn in captivity.

Mandarin fish can be difficult feeders at first and are best started off on fine particle frozen foods or live brine shrimp. They do well in reef tanks where there is probably abundant microscopic live food available to them.

These are a peaceful species, although males will sometimes fight, especially in small aquariums.

Whilst they are popularly kept in reef tanks, they can also be mixed in small aquariums with seahorses.

Mandarins are normally \$49.00

**JULY SPECIAL \$44.00**

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**ALL SPECIALS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY ONLY UNLESS SOONER SOLD OUT!**

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## EVERYTHING FOR AQUASCAPING

If you like to grow aquatic plants, then have we got the tools for you. This great range of quality tools are all stainless steel and are designed to make it easy to maintain your aquarium and the plants therein.



The range includes two different pruning scissors. The first has curved blades to make it easy to angle in beneath and between plants for trimming whilst the other set is straight bladed.

There is also a set of tweezer-like tongs for positioning plants.



In addition, there is a stainless steel algae scraper.

This comes in two sections which can be screwed

together to form a longer length suitable for deep aquariums. It is supplied with a stainless steel razor blade.



## ALSO AVAILABLE SEPARATELY STAINLESS STEEL RAZOR BLADES

Supplied in a ten pack, these are stainless steel, double-edged razor blades which will fit the algae scraper above as well as many other brands.

These are long lasting, rust resistant blades which will easily clean algae from the aquarium glass. (Note: not for use on acrylic aquariums).

**\$7.50 PER 10 PACK.**

## SUPER SPECIAL - AQUAONE AQUAVIS 130 SETUP ONLY \$399.00!



This ultra-modern 130 litre aquarium comes complete with a built in back filter supplied with carbon cartridge, ceramic cartridge, sponge and ceramic noodles and a 720lt/hr AquaOne Moray 480 powerhead. Lighting

is supplied with 26 x 1W white LEDs. The actual aquarium measures 80cm long x 40cm deep x 40cm high whilst the stand is 52cm long x 51cm deep x 90cm high. The stand is available in gloss black only. It has a 1 year+1 warranty.

This setup would be ideal for freshwater fish but also for a marine tank for very small fish or seahorses, although the lighting would not be sufficient for corals.

This is a run-out model by the manufacturers and has been selling about town for around **\$899.00**. Only while stocks last we are offering the **AQUAONE AQUAVIS 130 FOR THE AMAZING PRICE OF \$399.00. LIMITED NUMBERS. BE QUICK!!!!**

**DON'T FORGET!** Any Aqua One warranty which has a '+1' attached to it (whether it be 1 + 1, 2 + 1 etc.) can have the warranty extended by one year by simply registering your warranty on their web site.

**JUST SOME OF THE GREAT  
FRESH WATER CATFISH  
IN STOCK**

**SYNODONTIS PETRICOLA**

These Lake Tanganyikan catfish grow to a maximum of around 11cm and are a popular addition to tanks with



Rift Lake cichlids. However, they can be kept with larger tropicals which enjoy hard water.

They are not fussy feeders at all, accepting most live, frozen and dried foods. Petricola are known to breed by the 'cuckoo' method by placing their eggs in with mouthbrooding cichlids for incubation. Petricola display best when kept in a small group. They should have plenty of rocky caves etc. for hiding places. We currently have some cute little guys available for **\$13.50**.

**COLOMBIAN WOOD CATFISH**

Growing up to 28cm, these are quite a peaceful fish despite their size, although they will eat small fish if they happen along. They originate from Colombia and prefer plenty of driftwood and caves but still some free swimming space. Males can be distinguished by the 'nape' of the neck bending sharply upwards and an elongated curved dorsal spine.



Females are generally larger and less heavily patterned. Colombian Wood Catfish are greedy feeders and will emit quite a loud grunting sound when excited (especially at feeding time). Available now **\$16.50**.

**PEPPERMINT**

**BRISTLENOSE CATFISH**

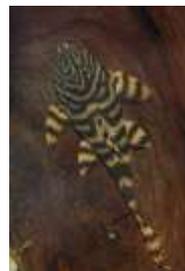
Perhaps one of the most popular catfish, these peaceful catfish are terrific algae eaters and can be mixed



in almost any tank. Whilst they are a tropical fish they will tolerate cooler water so could even be kept indoors with goldfish and other cold water fish. Normal colouration bristle nose also available.

**L397 PANAQOLUS**

Due to the large number of species and subspecies of South American catfish, many are now identified by a classification number. The L397 are herbivorous wood eaters and need driftwood in the tank to feed on. Not only do the fish derive nutrients from the wood but they also eat it as an



aid to their digestive system. They will eat algae, vegetable/algae wafers and pellets and fresh veges such as zucchini or cucumber. They grow to a maximum of 11cm and

are generally peaceful. They can be mixed with most peaceful fish of a suitable size but will need plenty of caves, pipes or wood for hiding places. Males are identified by having a much broader head and longer pectoral spines than the females. **\$69.00**.

**ALBINO SAILFIN PLECOSTOMUS  
AND GOLD SPOT PLECOSTOMUS**

Popular South American catfish, plecos are a large growing fish – up to 50cm but usually smaller. They are

omnivorous and easy to feed but are best loved for cleaning up algae in the aquarium. Quite peaceful, they

can be mixed with most fish. Provide wood and caves for resting places.



**FRESHWATER FISH  
OF THE MONTH –  
BLACK PHANTOM TETRAS**

This stunning little tetra is a must-have for the well planted tropical community tank. Like most tetras, they like to be kept in a school, but this species also does well in pairs. Males have higher fins and the females are generally easy to spot as they have red on both upper and lower fins.



Black Phantoms breed quite readily and are egg scatterers. Generally, it is said that they do not guard or care for the eggs in any way, but we have personally seen pairs who do.

Black Phantoms are a peaceful fish which mix well with other tetra species and other small to medium fish.

They are not fussy feeders, doing well on quality dry foods, but will relish feedings of small frozen foods such as bloodworms and brine shrimp.

BLACK PHANTOMS normally \$5.95

**JULY PRICE \$4.50**

**AQUASYNCRO MINI HEATER**

This little heater is fully submersible and only 7.5 watts. Unlike the traditional cylindrical glass heaters, this is flat and measures only 107mm x 50mm. It is ideal for 5 – 10 litre aquariums and bowls and is especially useful for



Siamese Fighter setups. Siamese Fighting Fish (also known as Bettas) are a tropical fish. Many people keep them in an unheated tank year round, choosing a warm location in

the house to keep them during winter. However, Fighters will thrive if kept in a heated aquarium. This heater is designed to raise the temperature by 4 to 5 degrees above the room



temperature. As it does not have a thermostat, you will need to check the temperature and turn the heater off if the water becomes too warm. \$17.50.

**FLUVAL SEA MINI PROTEIN SKIMMER.**



This mini skimmer is easily clipped to the rear of the aquarium. It is silent in operation and recommended for 20 lt. to 80 lt. tanks. It has adjustable skimming intensity and air intake and is easily taken apart for cleaning. The multi venturi impellor ensures the efficiency of the skimmer.

**XTREME AQUATIC FOODS**

Xtreme foods are formulated using only premium ingredients with no hormones, and high quality ingredients - Krill, Shrimp, Herring and Squid meals. The best protein, from Krill, and the best blue-green aquatic algae, from Spirulina, are used in Xtreme feeds. Utilizing this combination of natural ingredients enhances, but does not alter, the fish's natural colours (reds, oranges, blues, greens and yellows). New in stock is the **Xtreme Slow Sinking Cichlid Pellet** (1.5mm) which will replace the similar Spectrum pellet which we are no longer stocking.

