

AUGUST NEWS

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Lots of good fish specials available this month. If you are looking for a larger fresh water fish, we have some Barra in stock at a larger than usual size. We also have a great offer on selected Tropical Brand fish foods. This is a great premium range with a food to suit every type of fish. Each food contains a broad range of quality ingredients along with added vitamins and trace elements and natural colour enhancers. Why not take advantage of the great prices this month and try some on your fish – they are sure to like it!

Until next month - good fishkeeping.

GREAT OFFERS THIS MONTH ON SELECTED TROPICAL BRAND FISH FOODS ...

BIONAUTIC MARINE GRANULE

Multi-ingredient, slowly sinking granules intended for everyday feeding of omnivorous small and medium marine fish and crustaceans. It is rich in easily assimilated protein and vitamins, trace elements, natural carotenoids and spirulina (3%), Spirulina facilitates proper functioning of fish's alimentary tract, protecting them against dangerous consequences of constipation and infection.

55g Normally \$17.99 **SUPER SPECIAL NOW \$11.50.**



SUPERVIT FLAKES

SUPERVIT is a universal flake food for everyday feeding of most species of omnivorous freshwater fish. Eight different types of flakes contain beta-glucan, spirulina, squid, and crustaceans, including tasty krill. Such a diversified formula makes SUPERVIT particularly useful in popular multi-species community tanks, where it



serves as a base for further supplementation with herbivorous and high-protein foods, as needed.

20g Usually \$10.99

GREAT SPECIAL \$7.50

D-ALLIO PLUS GRANULES

A multi ingredient granulated food intended for fish with high nutritional requirements, particularly discus and marine fish. High nutritional value, optimally balanced vitamins and trace elements together with the properties of garlic, make D-ALLIO PLUS an indispensable food for fish adapting to new conditions or undergoing medical treatment. 60g Regularly \$19.50

AUGUST SPECIAL \$12.99 – STOCK UP NOW!



GOLDFISH COLOUR FLAKES

GOLDFISH COLOR is a colour-enhancing food in the form of flakes for all species of goldfish kept both in tanks and ponds. A high amount of fibre facilitates proper functioning of a long alimentary tract of this group of fish while L-carnitine regulates fat metabolism, ensuring fat's optimal utilisation. Wheat germs are the source of valuable unsaturated fatty acids and concentrated dosage of vitamins and trace elements. Due to the addition of astaxanthin, regular feeding intensifies coloration. 20g Regularly \$7.99.

GREAT PRICE NOW ONLY \$5.00.



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MARINE FISH OF THE MONTH BLUE TANGS

Blue Tangs are a reef safe and generally good community fish which certainly add great colour and constant movement to the marine aquarium. They are instantly recognized by almost all children as 'Dory' of Nemo fame.



As small fish, blue tangs will school together but may become territorial towards each other as they grow, so are best kept singly unless in a large aquarium where space will allow separate territories.

They feed well on a variety of foods but should be encouraged to eat a vegetable based diet, including seaweed sheets, as this helps to keep their intense blue colour. They are one of the few fish which, in the aquarium, will go against their natural diet and eat protein based foods in preference to vegetable matter. They can be susceptible to white spot, especially when newly introduced into the aquarium so should be watched carefully at that time and treated if necessary.

A member of the surgeon fish family, blue tangs possess a razor sharp spine on the caudal peduncle (where the tail meets the body) so should be handled with care when netting etc.

Normally \$65.00

THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL \$59.00

SPECIAL NOTE

The characters in the Finding Nemo/Finding Dory movies – clown fish, blue tangs etc. – are marine fish, and require specialized aquariums and equipment to be kept successfully.

They can NOT be kept in small bowls or tanks. If you would like to set up a marine tank for these, or any salt water fish, please ask any of our staff who will be happy to assist you with information on the requirements for keeping a successful marine tank.

FLUVAL PRISM CERAMIC LED SPOTLIGHT 3W

This is a submersible spotlight, suitable for fresh or salt water and made from high tech quality ceramic for superior quality and durability. Whilst only 3 watt, the light has a 1.8m beam range. The remote control allows up to 80 colour and lighting options including special effects such as full sun, storm settings and a setting to cycle through all the colours. The spotlight can be utilised in a number of ways from highlighting a special coral or plant specimen, underlighting an overhanging rock or viewing nocturnal species in your tank – really the possibilities are endless. \$110.00 including remote.



FRESHWATER PLANT OF THE MONTH – POGOSTEMON STELLATA (FINE LEAF)

Pogostemon Stellata, known in the hobby as Pogo, would have to be one of the most decorative plants for the aquarium. It has beautiful pink whorls interspersed with lime green foliage and attractive fine leaves. This plant requires good lighting to do well and, preferably, CO₂ fertilization. It will grow from cutting and, as it sends out many side shoots, can also be grown horizontally. Sold in bunches, it is normally priced at \$6.50.

AUGUST PRICE \$5.50 PER BUNCH.



MORAY EELS IN STOCK NOW



For the intrepid marine keeper we have both Snowflake and Zebra Morays in stock now. Just remember to keep fingers well away at feeding time!



CICHLID OF THE MONTH ALBINO AFRA CICHLID



These Lake Malawi African cichlids grow up to 10cm and the larger they grow the more stark white they become. As they are herbivores they are best fed on pellets and flake with a supplement of green vegetables and seaweed sheets. As far as breeding goes they are mouthbrooders. Suggested tank mates include other Malawi cichlids such as Peacocks and Electric Blues. Normally \$16.99.

THIS MONTH \$13.00.

SOME USEFUL ADDITIONS TO THE MARINE AQUARIUM

If keeping your aquarium looking good sometimes seems a bit of a chore, why not put your fish to work? In both fresh water and marine tanks there are a number of fish and inverts which will provide a service to the benefit of the inhabitants and you. Firstly in the marine aquarium



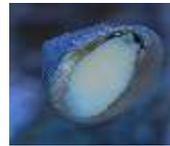
there is the Golden Headed Sleeper. In fact any fish of the sleeper family will do, but the golden

headed sleeper is arguably the most attractive. These fish will constantly sift the sand or substrate in the bottom of the tank and are therefore useful in breaking up algae and cyanobacteria which may be growing there. They also lift dirt from the bottom so that it can be removed by the filters. Next are all of the algae eaters. The tang or surgeon



family are well known algae eaters but there are also others such as fox

face, a very peaceful community fish which is a great hair algae eater. If you don't have room for more fish, then consider trochus or stromb shells. These molluscs are great algae eaters also. Interestingly



stromb shells rarely climb up on the glass or rocks, but stick to the substrate, whilst



trochus are the mountaineers, popping up everywhere. One of each is a great addition to the marine tank. Nassarius snails, known as Zombie Snails, will fossick through the substrate seeking out uneaten food, then will bury themselves just waiting for the next lot of food to



arrive. Next are the cleaner wrasse family. These fish will pick large external parasites off

other fish and also help to keep copepods at bay in the tank. They will not eat white spot off other fish as this parasite is encysted under the skin and can not be accessed by the cleaner wrasse. Cleaner wrasse have a reputation as being fussy feeders, but we have found that, strangely, they love algae sheets and once eating that will usually accept other types of foods, particularly frozen foods.



Other workers in the marine aquarium are the copperband butterfly and peppermint shrimp, both of which will eat up aiptasia, a pest anemone which infests some aquariums. So if you want to save a little time and enjoy your aquarium more, consider some 'worker' fish for your tank.



FRESHWATER FISH OF THE MONTH MALE DWARF GOURAMIS

Dwarf Gouramis grow to approximately 5cm and mix well with other medium to small tropical fish. This fish is closest to the original wild colouration from which a number of colour variants have been bred. Males are always more colourful than the females which are generally plain silver. Undoubtedly, females have great personalities though! Dwarf Gouramis have a lot to recommend them, being a peaceful, easy to keep and easy to feed little fish. They will accept most flake and fine pellet foods and will appreciate an occasional feeding of frozen foods. Normally \$13.00.



THIS MONTH ONLY \$9.99.

FLUVAL SEA SUMP PUMPS

New in store are these pumps which are suitable for a variety of uses, and, due to their ability to lift water a good height, especially for use as a sump pump. Fluval is a well-established brand known for quality filters and pumps and many other products. Two models are available: SP2 has a turnover of 3600 LPH with a head lift of 2 metres. \$197.50. SP4 has a turnover of 7500 LPH with a head lift of 4 metres. \$296.50



LOOKING FOR A LARGER FRESHWATER FISH?

We currently have some Barramundi in stock. At around 20cm they are larger than the usual size we carry. Ultimately they will need a LARGE tank with LARGE tank mates and LOTS of food. Not many left so don't delay. \$33.00.



FINDING DORY ORNAMENTS AND FIGHTER TANK.



We have a great range of 'Finding Dory' aquarium ornaments in both a mini and larger size and as they are sure to be popular with all the kids, get in early for the best selection.



Also high on the cute factor is the Penn Plax Finding Dory "Hank and Dory" 3 litre tank for keeping a Siamese Fighting Fish or other small fish. Based on the Disney Pixar film Finding Dory, this product features a colourful background and a fun stand-up decoration. The tank measures 180 x 290 x 108 and features a handy water release cap for easy water changes and a plastic cover. Please see our special note on Page 2 about what is required to keep Dory and any of her friends.

**SPECIALS IN THIS
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FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST
UNLESS SOONER SOLD OUT.**