Redheaded Fairy Wrasse

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Cirrhilabrus solorensis

Red-Headed Fairy Wrasse

Quick Stats: Redheaded Fairy Wrasse
Family: Labridae **Range:** Indonesia **Size:** Up to 6 inches **Diet:** Carnivore **Tank Set-up:** Marine: Coral or rock, plants **Reef Compatible:** Yes **Tank Conditions:** 72-78ºF; sg 1.020-1.025; pH 8.1-8.4 **Minimum Tank Capacity:** 55 gallon **Light:** High, with some shade **Temperament:** Peaceful **Swimming Level:** No specific level **Care Level:** Easy **Reproduction:** Egg Layer

The Redheaded Fairy Wrasse is also known as the Tricolor Fairy Wrasse, Red Head Solon Fairy Wrasse, or Red-eyed Fairy Wrasse. Some aquarists consider it to be another color form of the Blueside Wrasse (*Cirrhilabrus cyanopleura*). The Red-headed Fairy Wrasse has a blue body with bright red running along the dorsal edge and a shining yellow-orange face. Colors may vary to other blues and purples depending on the fish's mood. When courting, the male will display an increased color intensity.

The Redheaded Fairy Wrasse will thrive in either a fish-only or reef aquarium of 55 gallons or larger. It needs a shaded area away from the bright lights. A single male can be kept with a group of females that is introduced prior to or at the same time as the male.

Meals should consist of a variety of feeder shrimp, flaked foods, and marine meats.

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