

Black Lace Angel

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Pterophyllum sp.

 Black Lace Angel	Quick Stats: Black Lace Angel
	Family: Cichlidae Range: South America Size: Up to 6 inches Diet: Omnivore Tank Set-up: Freshwater: Plants, rocks, driftwood Tank Conditions: 75-82°F; pH 5.8-7.0; dH 1-5 Minimum Tank Capacity: 30 gallon Light: Low Temperament: Semi-aggressive Swimming Level: No specific level Care Level: Moderate Reproduction: Egg Layer

The Black Lace Angel is a strain of angelfish that is black in color with long flowing fins that are accentuated with a beautiful black lace.

It prefers a well-planted tank of at least 30 gallons with soft, slightly acidic water. Rocks and driftwood can be added to the aquarium, but leave plenty of space for swimming.

It is best, when trying to breed the Black Lace Angel, to house a number of angels in the same aquarium until they pair off. After a pair has developed, a flat surface needs to be provided where the eggs can be laid. A piece of slate, a large plant leaf, or even a flowerpot should be positioned at an angle of about 30 degrees in an area of moderate water flow. The female will lay the eggs and the male will follow behind to fertilize. After approximately three days, the eggs will hatch and the fry will emerge. Feed the fry newly hatched brine shrimp until large enough to accept crushed flake food.

The Black Lace Angel needs to be fed a variety of foods including vegetables as well as meaty foods. Feed a quality flake food as well as live and frozen foods such as brine shrimp and bloodworms.

Ideal tank mates include:

- [Guppies](#)
- [Mollies](#)
- [Platies](#)
- [Swordtails](#)
- [Tetras](#)
- [Rasboras](#)
- [Gouramis](#)
- [Rainbowfish](#)
- [Cory cats](#)
- [Plecós](#)
- Peaceful scavengers