

Siamese Algae Eater

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Crossocephalus siamensis

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| Siamese Algae Eater | Quick Stats: Siamese Algae Eater |
| | Family: Cyprinidae Range: Thailand, India, Indonesia Size: Up to 4 inches Diet: Omnivore Tank Set-up: Freshwater: Plants, rocks Tank Conditions: 75-79°F; pH 6.5-7.0; dH 5-10 Minimum Tank Capacity: 30 gallons Light: Medium Temperament: Peaceful Swimming Level: No specific level Care Level: Moderate Reproduction: Egg Layer |

The Siamese Algae Eater is a great fish for the community aquarium. The Siamese Algae Eater is also known as the Siamese Flying Fox. Ignoring other species, this fish tends to stay by himself.

It prefers a planted aquarium with many broad-leaved plants on which it can rest on. It also requires these plants and rocks for grazing algae. This species can be kept with a variety of tank mates including more passive community fish.

Unfortunately, the breeding habits of the Siamese Algae Eater have not been documented.

An omnivore, the Siamese Algae Eater is not a particularly finicky eater, and is the ideal candidate for eating algae off of live plant leaves. Ideal foods should consist of a high quality flake food, freeze-dried bloodworms or tubifex, and pelleted foods, as well as vegetable-based foods.

Ideal tank mates include:

- [Barbs](#)
- [Gouramis](#)
- [Rainbowfish](#)
- [South American Cichlids](#)
- [Loaches](#)
- [Plecos](#)
- Scavenger Catfish of similar size