

Hi Fin Platy

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Xiphophorus maculatus



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Quick Stats: Hi Fin Platy

Family: Poeciliidae

Range: Eastern Mexico, Guatemala,
Northern Honduras

Size: Up to 2½ inches

Diet: Omnivore

Tank Set-up: Freshwater: Densely
planted

Tank Conditions: 64-77°F; pH 7.0-8.2;
dH 10-25

Minimum Tank Capacity: 15 gallons

Light: Medium

Temperament: Peaceful

Swimming Level: Middle

Care Level: Easy

Reproduction: Livebearer

The Hi Fin Platy, also known as the Moonfish or Southern Platyfish, is a hybrid fin variation of the *Xiphophorus maculatus* platy. The Hi Fin Platy was named because of the very tall dorsal fin that extends over its back. There are many different colors and color combinations of this fish. The most common colors are red, yellow, orange, blue, and wag varieties with black tails. The Hi Fin Platy adds brilliant colors to the aquarium as well as being very easy to keep, making it a great fish for beginners and accomplished aquarists alike.

The Hi Fin Platy requires a tank of at least 15 gallons that is densely planted with hardy plants like Java Fern and Java Moss. It is a very peaceful fish and makes an excellent addition to the community tank. Any other peaceful fish can be housed with the Hi Fin Platy.

The Hi Fin Platy is a livebearer and is capable of reproducing at three to four months of age. The male is smaller and more brightly colored than the female, and can be distinguished by his gonopodium. The fry will most often reach maturity in a community tank.

The Hi Fin Platy is an omnivore that will eat commercially prepared flaked foods and algae, as well as freeze-dried bloodworms, tubifex, and brine shrimp.

Ideal tank mates include:

- [Guppies](#)
- [Platies](#)
- [Mollies](#)
- [Swordtails](#)
- [Tetras](#)
- [Rasboras](#)
- [Danios](#)
- [Rainbowfish](#)
- [Angelfish](#)
- [Gouramis](#)
- [Plecos](#)
- Scavenger Catfish