

Discover the Murray-Darling Rainbowfish

Melanotaenia fluviatilis



Appearance

What do they look like?

Brightly coloured with shades of blue, green, and yellow. Males are more vibrant than females.

Habitat

Where do they live?

Found in rivers, streams, and wetlands of the Murray-Darling Basin. Prefer clear, slow-moving water with lots of plants.

Diet

What do they eat?

Insects, algae, and small aquatic invertebrates.

Behaviour

How do they behave?

Swim in schools for protection and social interaction. Active and playful swimmers.

Reproduction

How do they reproduce?

Lay eggs on submerged vegetation. Eggs hatch in about a week.

Conservation Status

Are they endangered?

Not currently endangered, but their habitat is under threat from pollution and water management issues.

How You Can Help

What can kids do?

Help keep local waterways clean by reducing pollution.

Visit a SEA LIFE Aquarium to discover the amazing work the team is doing to breed and repopulate this incredible species.



What is a Murray-Darling Rainbowfish?

A small, colourful fish native to Australia's Murray-Darling Basin.



Did you know?

They can change colour to blend in with their surroundings.

