



Basic / Common Aquarium Plant Species

Amazon Sword



The Amazon Sword is an extremely popular choice amongst beginner fish enthusiasts. This particular plant has a large range of suitable conditions and thrives in almost all lighting conditions. The pH levels of this plant can range from lightly acidic to heavily alkaline and can grow in temperatures around 67 to 86 degrees Fahrenheit. This plant will grow without much attention or effort.

Temperature: 67 - 86 Degrees F.
pH Levels: **Wide Range**

Anacharis / Elodea



The Anachris or "Elodea" is an extremely popular choice amongst beginner fish enthusiasts. This particular plant is highly effective in preventing algae build-up by absorbing excess nutrients in the aquarium; this also helps lower the chances of "blue-green Algae". The leaves on this plant tend to be very tall and thin. The plant will do well in a wide range of pH levels and does best in cooler temperatures, but, it will still survive in warmer temperatures at around 78 degrees Fahrenheit.

Temperature: 50 - 78 Degrees F.
pH Levels: **Wide Range**

Cryptocoryne Beckettii



The Cryptocoryne Beckettii is an extremely popular choice amongst beginner fish enthusiasts. This particular plant is amphibious, meaning that it likes to grow both on land and submerged in water. The roots on this plant tend to feed (making it a feeder) suggesting that a root tab is necessary. The coloring on this plants leaves tends to change from the original color on purchase. Cryptocoryne Beckettii can survive in a wide range of pH levels, but does best in acidic water. It can also live with minimal light and temperatures ranging from 68 and 78 degrees.

Temperature: 68 - 78 Degrees F.

pH Levels: Wide Range - Likes acidic

Java Fern



Java Fern is an extremely popular choice amongst beginner fish enthusiasts. This particular plant is extremely difficult to kill. The height of this plant has a large range with smaller ones being about 6 inches and others being around 18 inches. The leaves on this plant tend to quite thick and a nice dark green color. This plant requires a lot of maintained as it grows extremely fast and will eventually over power your aquarium if not properly trimmed back; which can be done by running your finger through it removing any dead or separate plants. The Java Fern does well in almost all lighting qualities, but does best in bright light. The water should be harder and natural in pH with temperatures being around 75 degrees Fahrenheit.

Temperature: 70 - 86 Degrees F.

pH Levels: Neutral (7)

Java Moss



Java Moss is an extremely popular choice amongst beginner fish enthusiasts. This particular plant is extremely difficult to kill. The Java Moss can be left to free float or can be attached to a rock or large piece of driftwood or aquarium decoration. This plant tends to grow rather slowly and only grows to be around a quarter of an inch in height, making it an ideal hiding spot for fish and a great spot for pregnant fish to lay their eggs or newborns. The Java Moss does well in almost all lighting qualities, but does best in bright light giving the plant a nicer green color. The water can be left the same as before adding the plant and does not be adjusted or monitored, much like the Java Fern.

Temperature: 60 - 85 Degrees F.
pH Levels: Wide Rang

Vallisneria Spiralis



Vallisneria Spiralis is an extremely popular choice amongst beginner fish enthusiasts. This particular plant has a very dramatic look to it with darker bands wrapping around the plant . This plant does not need much attention and can left alone and will do fine as it is very forgiving. In addition, Vallisneria Spiralis does best in acidic waters and can live in a aquarium with temperates ranging from 60 - 86 degrees, making it a perfect plant for goldfish tanks. This plants roots tend to stay confined and will do well with many other acid-loving plant species.

Temperature: 60 - 86 Degrees F.
pH Levels: Acidic

Water Sprite



Vallisneria Spiralis is an extremely popular choice amongst beginner fish enthusiasts. This particular plant have leaves that are very broad and appear as a bright green providing a perfect food for fish and a desirable hiding spot for territorial fish as well . The water sprite takes most of it nutrients to live from the water and requires and nice clean tank. This plant can be anchored to the aquarium base or can be left to free float, which can result in larger leaves. In addition, this plant will adapt to almost all lighting conditions.

Temperature: 60 - 86 Degrees F.

pH Levels: Neutral - Prefers Alkaline



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