



Cardinal Tetra Quick Care Sheet

An overview of the Cardinal Tetra (*Paracheirodon axelrodi*), known for their striking blue and red coloring and peaceful nature.



Cardinal Tetra Guide

Tank Requirements

- Size: Minimum 20 gallons preferred
- Water Temperature: 73–81°F (23–27°C)
- pH Level: 4.5–6.2; soft, acidic water is crucial
- Tank setup: Dense vegetation, subdued lighting, and dark substrate to replicate their natural Amazonian habitat

- Diet:
 - High-quality flake food or micro-pellets
 - Occasional live or frozen foods like brine shrimp or daphnia
- Social Behavior:
 - Peaceful and schooling fish, best kept in groups of 8 or more
 - Compatibility with other small, peaceful Amazonian species
- Health Tips:
 - Watch for signs of stress or disease (e.g., fading color, lethargy).
 - Regular water changes and tank maintenance