



Pterophyllum scalare

Genus	Pterophyllum
Common Name	Angelfish
Other Names	Pterophyllum eimekei
Similar Species	Pterophyllum altum
Origin	Amazon Basin
Habitat	Found in overgrown and sluggish waters
Size	15 cm
Water Temp.	24-28 °C
Water pH	5.5-7.5

Description

Flat body and disc shaped. Somewhat protuberant snout. Color is greenish with a silvery sheen and an olive green back. Four dark traverse stripes are along the body, the first through the eye, the last through the caudal peduncle. Dorsal, anal and ventral fins are extremely elongated. Dorsal fin is bluish grey to white while the ventral fins are yellowish green. Caudal fin is blue gray.

General Care

Requires a deep and spacious tank with groups of ribbon like plants. May reside with other species if they are peaceful. Water temperature 25-27 °C. Its smallish mouth requires smallish foods. May eat small tetras.

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