



Hemichromis bimaculatus

Genus	Bimaculatus
Common Name	Jewel Cichlid, African Jewelfish, Red Cichlid
Other Names	
Similar Species	
Origin	Africa
Habitat	Found in still and flowing waters
Size	15 cm
Water Temp.	25 °C
Water pH	

Description

Elongated body and slightly laterally compressed. Color is olive brown with throat and belly red. Black patch in middle of body and another with gold trim on the gills. Bluish green spots fleck body. Body and fins become intense red during mating.

General Care

Very aggressive and therefore should only be in large aquariums. Retreats for other fish should be present. Maintains a large territory. Water temperature around 25 °C. Eats about anything.

Personal Annotations

Elongated body with a reddish brown hue. Black patches on the gills, middle of the back, and the caudal peduncle. Patch on gill has a fluorescent golden trim. Gills also have blue-green fluorescent flecks. Ventral fins are elongated and come to points. Throat is redder than other parts of the body. Whole body is redder when feeling aggressive.

Keeps pretty much to himself, had a buddy that died during a move. Generally lives near the bottom of the tank and defends his retreat well. Adjusts well to new surroundings.