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Next Meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 8pm



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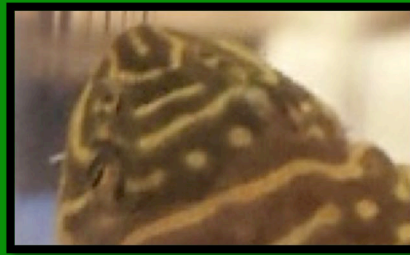
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## **Tiger Pleco**

**L. 333**

Find this stunning species in the Xingu River in Brazil. These cats like meaty foods and lots of caves. Males will occupy the caves and protect spawns of 50-80.

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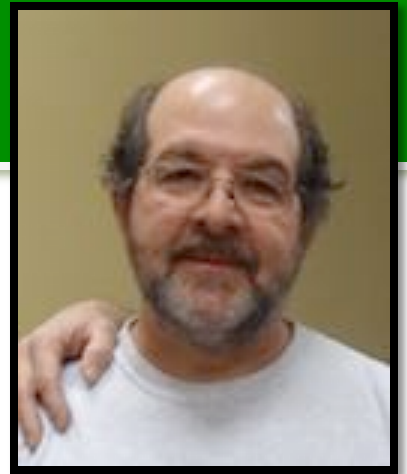
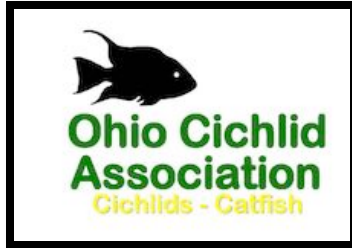


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# Vice-President's Message

## Lew Carbone



We here at the OCA would like to extend our appreciation to Phil and Jan Benes for driving up from Cincinnati to share with us their experiences with a large, outdoor koi pond. Even though I don't have a pond, I enjoyed hearing and seeing about the problems encountered in such an endeavor, and how they solved them.

This month's guest is Dave Schumacher, of San Antonio, Texas. Dave owns a large on-line fish-selling operation, Dave's Rare Aquarium Fish, that specializes in African cichlids. You can check out his website at [www.davesfish.com](http://www.davesfish.com). Dave says he can deliver fish to the meeting, so if you've been looking for something new and different, here's a chance to avoid shipping costs. Dave will also be bringing some bags of donation fish for the meeting auction. I think you will enjoy Dave's presentation about mbuna, and his enthusiasm for his hobby/business.

Looking ahead to 2016, we noticed that the first Friday in January falls on New Year's Day. Sometimes, in that situation, we've moved it to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, but that would interfere with the Medina County Aquarium Society's meeting, and we didn't want to do that. After some discussion and friendly negotiation, the boards of both clubs have agreed to a joint meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016! It will be at the MCAS'S normal meeting venue, the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, on Rt. 18, just west of I71, in Medina. Details will be announced as the time approaches.

I hope to see you on the 5<sup>th</sup>!

Lew Carbone, VP



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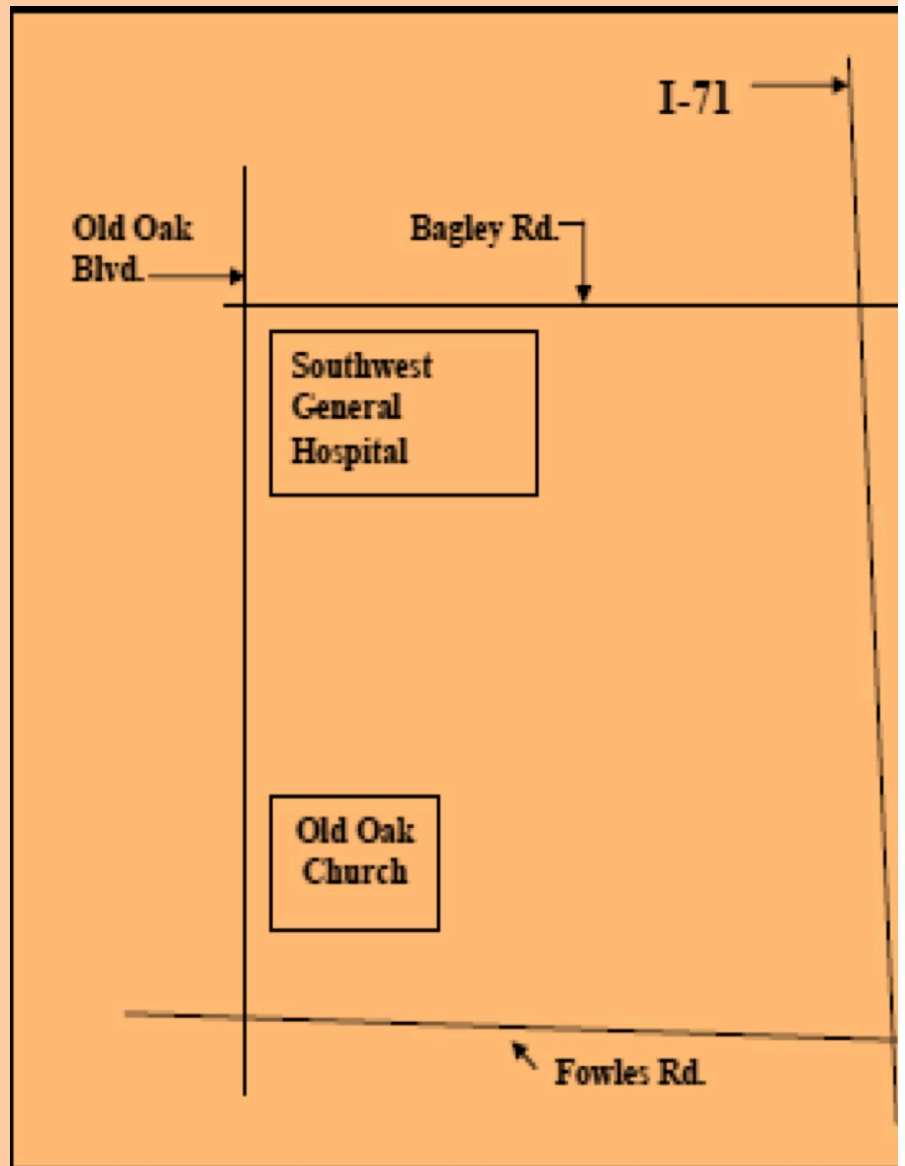
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## Program Preview – June 2015

# DAVE SCHUMACHER

I first met **Dave Schumacher** some 10 years ago, at an ACA convention, introduced by a mutual friend. Dave is one of those people you just can't help liking; one of those people you never hear anyone say anything unkind about.

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Dave is also active in the organized hobby. He is on the board of the Hill Country Cichlid Club, in Texas, and has served a term as a member of the Board of Trustees for the American Cichlid Association. Dave is an active supporter of Ad Konings's Stuart M. Grant Cichlid Conservation Fund and the C.A.R.E.S. program.

The title of Dave's talk is "**Lake Malawi Mbuna**"

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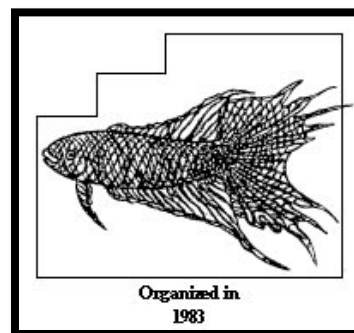
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Next month, Dr. Ron Coleman, of California State University, Sacramento, a 2013 Jim Smith Endowment Fund recipient, will be speaking on Cost Rican cichlids.

# FYI

The January, 2016 OCA meeting date falls on New Year's Day.

To work around that, we will be holding a joint meeting with the **Medina County Aquarium Club** on January 8  
...more to follow.



# OCA Social Meeting Program Preview 2015

June 5

**Dave Schumacher**

Of Dave's Rare Aquarium Fish  
"Lake Malawi Mbuna"

July

No meeting

August 7

**Dr Ron Coleman**

California State University, Sacramento  
Costa Rican Cichlids

September 4

**Dr. Jay Stauffer**

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# Cichlid Breeders Awards Program Through MAY 2015

Data calculated and stored by Mark Chaloupka

## **George Anagnostopoulos**

Paracyprichromis nigripinnis 15

## **Lew Carbone**

Enterochromis paropus 10

Haplochromis thereutarion 10

Yssichromis sp. "blue tipped" 10

## **Don & Marilyn Danko**

Champsochromis caeruleus 15

## **Tom & Carolyn Evers**

Pseudotropheus sp. "acei" 10

## **Ken Grimmett**

Placidochromis sp. "phenochilus Tanzanian" 10

## **David Hearn**

Aulonocara jacobfreibergi "swallowtail" 10

## **Mark Kazanoff**

Pundamilia nyererei 10

Sciaenochromis fryeri 15

Xystichromis phytophagus 10

## **Dennis Kuehn**

Neolamprologus pulcher 10

## **Andrew Schock**

Lamprologus multifasciatus 15

Neolamprologus brevis "sunspot" 15

Neolamprologus prochilus 20

## **Bill Schwartz**

Aulonocara lwanda "red top" 10

## **Jonathan Strazinsky**

Paratheraps sp. "Coatzacoalcos" 15

# Cichlid Breeders Awards Program Through May 2015

Data calculated and stored by Mark Chaloupka

## MASTER BREEDER 1000 POINT LEVEL

Lew Carbone	50	2750
Don Danko	15	2395
Dan Woodland	-	2070
Bryan Davis	105	1375
Bill Loudermilk	-	1200
Linda Wallrath	-	1130
Rich & Maggie Schoeffel	-	1065
Mark Chaloupka	15	1045
John Tesar	-	1020

## 900 POINT LEVEL

Dennis Tomazin	-	965
Josh Cunningham	-	930
Tom Swiderski	-	905

## 800 POINT LEVEL

Dustin Brummitt	-	840
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## 700 POINT LEVEL

Gary Mendez	-	770
Ken & Sue Galaska	20	740
Jeff Yadlovsky	-	740
Hilary & Antonio Lacerda	55	710

## 600 POINT LEVEL

Jeff Natterer	-	690
Charlie & Cathy Suk	-	615
Bill Schwartz	10	605
Steve Zarzeczny	-	600

## 500 POINT LEVEL

Jonathan Strazinsky	55	575
Tim Craig	-	540
Bob Blazek	10	525
Ron Georgeone	-	510

## 400 POINT LEVEL

Rick Hallis	-	495
George Anagnostopoulos	45	475
Phil Hypes	-	475
Kyle May	-	445
Bob Bina	-	415
Tyler Toncler	10	400



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**300 POINT LEVEL**

Eric & Rhonda Sorensen	10	345
David Hale	-	335
Tony Poth	-	335
Gary Zalewski	-	325

**200 POINT LEVEL**

Ken & Karen Grimmett	10	280
James Shakour	-	275
Dave Esner	-	240
Greg Senn	25	240
Tom & Carolyn Evers	30	230
Ken Walker	20	240
Dennis Kuehn	25	220
Andrew Schock	150	220
Paul Collander	-	205
Justin Way	75	200

**100 POINT LEVEL**

Marc & Dawn DeWerth	-	195
Ozeal Hunter	-	190
Chuck Carroll	-	185
Jonathan Dietrich	-	180
Andrew Subotnik	-	180
Andrew Schock	150	220
Frank Mueller	-	160
Bob Evers	-	155
Steve Heinbaugh	-	150
David Ayers	-	145
Jason Mylnar	-	145
Greg Seith	-	145
Bill & Janice Bilski	-	135
Dan Ogrizek	-	125
Joe Ring	-	120
Peter Nario-Redmond	-	115
Aaron Stevens	-	115
David Toth	-	115
Raymond Langer	-	110

**BREEDER LEVEL**

Mark Huntington	-	95
Charles Nowakowski	95	95
Denis Rozmus	10	90
Pete Gembka	-	80
Steve Olander	30	80
Carl Olszewski	15	80
David Hearn	75	75
Rick Wood	-	75
Bob Tillman	-	70
Matt Urbin	-	70
Dave Dimond	15	65
Dolores Bacisin	-	60
John Griffith	30	60
Chris Jaskolka	-	55
Mark Kazanoff	55	55
Dave Dimond	-	50
John Kahl	-	50
Paul Palisin	10	50
Nicholas Zarzeczny	-	50
Alex Gorges	-	45
Jim Jensen	-	45
John Kaminski	-	40
Ethan Wiley	-	40
Christopher Sooy	-	35
Tom Tansey	-	35
Jason Gorges	-	30
Paul Hutnyak	-	30
Wayne Corman	-	25
Fred Roberts	-	25
Andy Lacerda	-	20
Scott Meyers	-	20
Bill Sensor	-	20
Anthony Scarton	-	15
Jim & Amy Damm	-	10
Ron Drungil	-	10
Ben Jensen	-	10
Mike Trader	-	10
Jason Webb	10	10

The points list for the Breeders Award Program has been updated to include only current members. If you are a current member and your name has been omitted, please see the B.A.P. Chairman at the social meeting so we can correct any errors.

Please remember: You may only turn in a species or strain of fish for B.A.P. points one time. If you need a list of what you have been credited with, see the BAP chairman at the social meeting.



# Catfish Breeders Awards Program Through May 2015

Data calculated and stored by Steve Heinbaugh

Breeder	Species	Points
Carl Olszewski	Ancistrus sp. Albino Bushynose	10

NAME	2015	TOTAL
Dan Ogrizek	25	345
Steve Heinbaugh		290
Dave Ayres	20	240
Phil Ayres	20	210
Don & Marilyn Danko	10	205
Ken Walker	10	120
Dan Woodland		100
Matt Urbin		90
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen		75
Bryan Davis		60
Phil Hypes		60
Hilary Lacerda		60
Tom & Carolyn Evers		50
Ken Galaska		45
Tyler Toncler		45
Justin Way	10	40
John Kaminski		40
Kyle May		40
George Aganostopoulos	10	40
Karen & Ken Grimmett		30
Lew Carbone		30
Andrew Schock		30
Bob Evers	20	30
Tony Poth		20
Josh Cunningham		20
Gary Mendez		20
John Tesar		20
David Toth		20
Paul Palisin	10	20
Carl Olszewski	10	10
Anthony Scranton		10
Jon Dietrich		10
Richard Shamray		10
William Zarzeczny		10
Wayne Corman		10
Mark Chaloupka		10
David Hale		10
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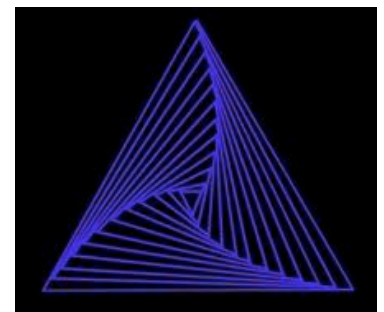
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CLASS B.) South American cichlids over 6"

CLASS C.) Loracriids under 6"

1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE WINNER AND BEST OF SHOW  
GOES TO SCOTT MYERS FOR HIS *Geophagus  
brasiliensis*.

2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE WINNER is Justin Way for his Tiger  
Pleco L333.

3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE WINNER Jason Webb for his Red Tiger  
Oscar *Astronotus ocellatus*.

## 2015 OCA FISH BOWL STANDINGS

MEMBER	PTS.	QUARTER	2015
1 <sup>ST</sup> JUSTIN WAY	39	7	39
1 <sup>ST</sup> SCOTT MYERS	39	17	39
2 <sup>ND</sup> NICK ZARZECZNY	15	0	15
2 <sup>ND</sup> LEW CARBONE	15	0	15
3 <sup>RD</sup> TONY POTH	7	0	7
4 <sup>TH</sup> JASON WEBB	5	5	5
5 <sup>TH</sup> PAUL PALISAN	1	0	1



## Point system

1<sup>st</sup> place is 10 pts

2<sup>nd</sup> place is 7 pts

3<sup>rd</sup> place is 5 pts

Non-placing entries is 1pt

BOS is 5 pts but only if 2 or more

## June'S CATAGORIES ARE:

Mbuna exclude pseutrophus, cyno and melano.

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## June

Lew Carbone, OCA Historian



**1987:** This month's Buckeye Cichlid Lovers Bulletin is the first produced at least partly digitally, that is, using a word processor instead of a typewriter. (For those whose memory doesn't extend back to the technology of the 1980s, the work processor was an office machine, predating the personal computer, which did some of the basic things that Microsoft Word does now.)

**2000:** According to Don Danko's "President's Message" in the June BCLB, this month's scheduled speaker, John Pallo, had to cancel. Don goes on to report that Program Chair Dan Woodland is looking for an alternative. The replacement speaker is our President himself, who will give a talk about a collection trip he took to Costa Rica. *The cover of that bulletin is reproduced on the following page.*

**2004:** Not for the first time, the Hampton Inn, on Tiedeman Rd., in Brooklyn, double-booked the OCA's supposedly reserved meeting room, forcing us to relocate for this month. Instead, the meeting was held at the Strongsville Holiday Inn, the hotel where Extravaganzas are held. Mike Shadle, a great friend of the OCA, visits from the Chicago areas to speak on New World cichlids.

**BUCKEYE CICHLID LOVERS**

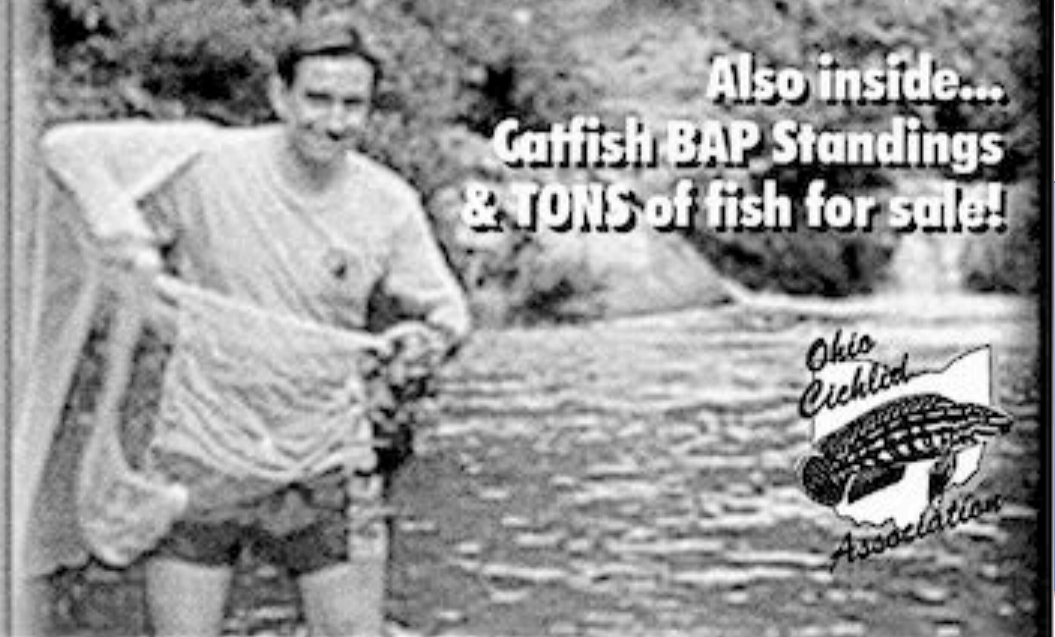
# BULLETIN

## **JUNE PRESENTATION** **"Collecting in Costa Rica"** **with Don Danko**

**FEATURE ARTICLE**  
**Some Thoughts**  
**on Aquarium Care.**

by Christopher Andrews, Ph.D.

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# EXCHANGE Article

## "*Neolamprologus falcicula*"

By Al Ridley

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*Neolamprologus falcicula* is a species of cichlid endemic to Lake Tanganyika where it is found along the east coast of the lake. This species can reach a length of 9 centimetres SL (3 1/2"). It can also be found in the aquarium trade as *Lamprologus walteri*. Almost every rocky area along the shore on Lake Tanganyika is occupied by one or more types of the *Brichardi* species. There are many different species in the *brichardi* complex, the most popular being *N.brichardi*.

I have generally raised my Tangs in forty gallon breeder species tanks. This means that I will keep a pair alone as they can be highly aggressive, especially when breeding. I currently keep my *falcicula* in a seventy-two gallon with my *Cyathopharynx furcifer*. They really hold their own against the featherfins and I must have close to a hundred fry living among the rocks.

These are my favourite of the *brichardi* complex group. Even though this fish does not have much color, it has the most interesting checkered pattern on the body. The distinction between male and females is almost non-existent (monomorphic). Males generally are a bit larger will sometimes get a minimal nuchal hump as the fish ages. Overall, the fish has a beige color, sometimes showing two faint dark longitudinal

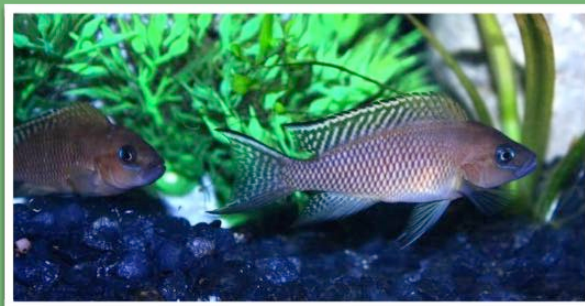
stripes. These are not always visible. Under the eye is a visible iridescent blue line and the eye itself is bright blue. The borders of the pelvic fins also show a faint blue colour. The dorsal, caudal and anal fins show a thin black border and are complimented by a blurred checkered pattern carried over from the main body.



Even though this fish is considered a carnivore, I find they will eat just about anything, from pellet foods (Northfin and Martin Mills), good quality flake (Fluval) and frozen blood worms. In the summer, I also like to feed live mosquito larvae from my rain barrels. High protein diets will speed things along in conditioning them for spawning but don't forget the occasional helping of spirulina flake or peas to help clean out the digestive track.

*N. falcicula* is very interesting in its behavior as are most Tangs. The fish will begin to breed in the aquarium as early as two inches and aren't choosy in selecting spawning sites. They are known to spawn in rocks, shells and inverted flower pots. As in the wild, the parents will allow many generations of fry to stay within the territory, and the fry will assist the parents in guarding the youngest fry. You will also be able to witness this in the aquarium however my experience shows that they seem to kill off the eldest spawn when the third brood goes free swimming. I set up my aquarium almost the same way for all of my Tangs. I use fist sized river rocks along with flat pieces of slate or limestone. I create caves and crevices and I usually throw in some shells for the fry to hide in. I allow the algae to grow rampant on the rocks and glass, only cleaning the front panel for my viewing pleasure. I keep Anubias and java ferns in the tank as they seem to be hardy enough to grow. Sometimes I use Vallisneria plants but have never really had ongoing luck with them.

Information is abundant on this genus (got to love the internet). I have read that they are substrate spawners, others say secretive cave spawners. I think both are true. My pair moved the substrate around quite a bit, pushing the bulk of the sand up against the glass, while digging massive pits around the rock stacks that covered their caves. I should point out here that I lay plastic egg crate on the bottom of the aquarium before I build my rock piles. I suspect the eggs were probably laid on the sides of the rock crevices that surrounded their caves, the first glimpse I got of the fry were in front of the cave entrance. By this time, they were nearly 1/2" in size, so the fry had been around for quite a while without my knowing it! I do not test my water but I know my water conditions here are extremely hard. I heat my aquariums to 78 degrees.



# Gymnogeophagus gymnogenys



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