

# Can Guppies And Gouramis Live Together? (What You NEED To Know) - Betta Care Fish Guide

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Gouramis also referred to as labyrinth fish or anabantoids, an extraordinary species, are able to take in oxygen from atmospheric air in areas of poorly oxygenated water.

The proverbial guppy fondly, also referred to as million fish, exist in almost 300 varieties, along with a multitude of colors, tail shapes, and sizes and are an incredible addition to any aquarium.

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You'll be pleased to know that YES guppies and gouramis can definitely live together. However, if you do plan on letting them live together, you need to make sure that you pick the right species of gourami as well as making sure the requirements of both fish are met!

## Fish Temperament

Careful consideration regarding fish temperament is crucial to maintaining a content community of fish. If you keep fish together who are incompatible, you are going to be up against serious difficulty to manage and maintain a harmonious environment in your aquarium.

### Gourami Temperament

Gouramis are peaceful in nature. However, larger species of blue and gold type Gourami tend to be semi-aggressive. Whereas dwarf Gouramis are docile fish.

Male Gouramis are aggressive towards each other but appear to be more placid around other more aggressive species of fish.

Male Gouramis being extremely territorial should be housed alone amongst other females, as this is ideal for keeping a harmonious tank environment. Gouramis tend to swim in small groups around the tank whilst some Gouramis prefer to swim at the surface, they are not schooling fish.

### Guppies Temperament

Guppies swim around peacefully with gouramis who are extremely territorial and are really great additions to any aquarium as they are quite social. It's good to keep a group of them together in your tank or with other less aggressive fish.

Aggressiveness of gouramis

plants should be available in the aquarium. Ample space should also be provided to decrease tension.

Lastly, they can be housed with other fish, provided these fish are calm in nature.

(Another great tank mate for guppies include platies, as they're extremely peaceful and require similar conditions.)



## Habitats and Tank Requirements

The natural habitat and conditions of fish should be simulated in their respective tanks in order to meet their psychological and physical requirements. Fish exposed to poor quality water or overstocking in a tank may be at risk of suffering from ill health or potentially death.

So the tank conditions should match the natural habitat as closely as possible to allow fish to lead long and healthy lives.

### Gourami Habitat

Gouramis hail from the eastern and southern parts of Asia, living in slow-paced rivers, lagoons, ponds, swamps, streams, marshes, canals, wetlands, and temporary pools.

They actually also dwell in less desirable conditions where oxygen levels are reduced, and they are less likely to encounter other predators and competition. They also venture into brackish habitats where there is a mix of both salt and freshwater.

Gouramis also venture into areas with different substrates, including soft sand and gravel. They are also often found in waters where low light is prevalent, and swamp vegetation floats around freely.

### Gourami Tank Requirements

Tank specifications are dependent on the various species of Gourami fish. However, most species of Gourami prefer thick vegetation. You can offer a tropical environment filled with aquarium plants and décor, such as rocks and driftwood.

Java Fern, Java Moss, and Vallisneria are excellent options as they are robust and are preferable, especially if you keep Kissing Gouramis as they consume huge amounts of plant matter.

Dark or light substrates with gravel or fine pebbles should suffice as Gouramis are not too particular about this. Although some species, including Licorice and Chocolate Gouramis, prefer a darker substrate.

Low light is preferred and can be provided for about 8–10 hours per day with a dimmed aquarium lamp.

Strong water currents are not required as Gouramis originate from still, slow-moving waters. Medium-powered filters are sufficient to generate a very mild water current. Air pumps are also not needed as gouramis will do just fine without.

Gouramis require the following water conditions in a tank:

- Tropical temperatures should be maintained between 72-79 degrees Fahrenheit.
- During colder months, take care to ensure that room temperatures remain above 70 degrees Fahrenheit.
- pH levels should be neutral to slightly acidic at 6.5 to 7.8. (Find out more about how to maintain the perfect pH for gouramis.)
- Soft water should be maintained.

Investing in an aquarium heater, along with a thermometer, will allow you to keep the temperature consistent and should be purchased in relation to the

tank size. Heat should be tested for coverage across the entire tank by occasionally changing the position of the thermometer.

Smaller sized tanks at 10 gallons can house Dwarf Gouramis. An additional 5 gallons can be provided for each extra fish. Larger tank sizes at 30 gallons are great for Gourami fish while Kissing Gourami are much larger species that require a 55-gallon tank.

## **Guppies Habitat**

Natural habitats for guppies are found in the South American warm freshwaters. Dark water that is saline but not as salty as the sea is preferred.

Slow-moving water in streams, ponds, and small water pools are where guppies are known to reside. In the wild, guppies feed on worms, shellfish, and insect larvae as well mosquito larvae.

## **Guppies Tank Requirements**

Hornwort and Amazon Sword Plants make for ideal plant life in a guppy tank. You do not need to be too concerned about the substrate type as guppies are known to swim around the midway point in the tank as well as the top side of the tank. So, go ahead and decorate the tank with lively plants, rocks, and substrate.

Guppies require the following water conditions in a tank:

- The temperature should be maintained between 75-82 degrees Fahrenheit. (Find out more about why guppies need a heater.)
- pH levels should ideally be maintained at 7.0 and 7.2 (Find out more about the ideal guppy pH level.)
- Soft water should be maintained.

As with Gourami, Guppies also require heat provided with an aquarium heater and proper heat coverage to be tested with a thermometer.

Further, 5-10-gallon tanks or larger are a requirement for guppies to thrive.

(Why not try adding ghost shrimp or cherry shrimp to the tank?)



## **Diet**

Diet is important to any fish species for their longevity, health, and wellbeing. Fish not being fed appropriate diets could suffer dire consequences such as disease or death and contribute towards a poor environment for other life in your aquarium.

(Find out about 13 great gouramis you can add to your tank.)

## **Gourami Diet**

Gouramis are omnivorous in their natural habitats feeding on both meat and plants and they're also very simple to feed in captivity as they are not fussy eaters.

A well balanced and healthy diet is required to maintain healthy Gouramis in an aquarium setting. Superb quality algae-based flakes, including freeze-dried bloodworms, tubifex, and brine shrimp, provide adequate nutrition.

Kissing Gouramis form part of a few herbivorous species feeding on spirulina flakes and algae rounds instead of the usual tropical or color flakes, tropical granules, and shrimp pellets.

Gouramis can also feed on live and frozen foods as an occasional treat. Cooked peas and lettuce are great offerings, too, as they enjoy vegetables.

## **Guppies Diet**

Guppies are omnivorous, feeding on plant-based and animal matter alike. The carnivorous part of Guppies' diet consists of microorganisms as these fish species are quite tiny in size.

Algae, plankton, insect larvae, floating debris are some of the prevalent food items which they pick up in the form of small particles when they are foraging for food at the surface of the water.

(Find out more about what a guppies diet should consist of and the best foods you can feed them.)

## **How to Make it Work?**

Guppies are peaceful-natured fish species who can be housed with less aggressive species of Gourami. Honey Gouramis, specifically, can be housed together with guppies. A tank can be set up to accommodate both fish species as their habitats are relatively similar.

Refer to the checklist below for the basics:

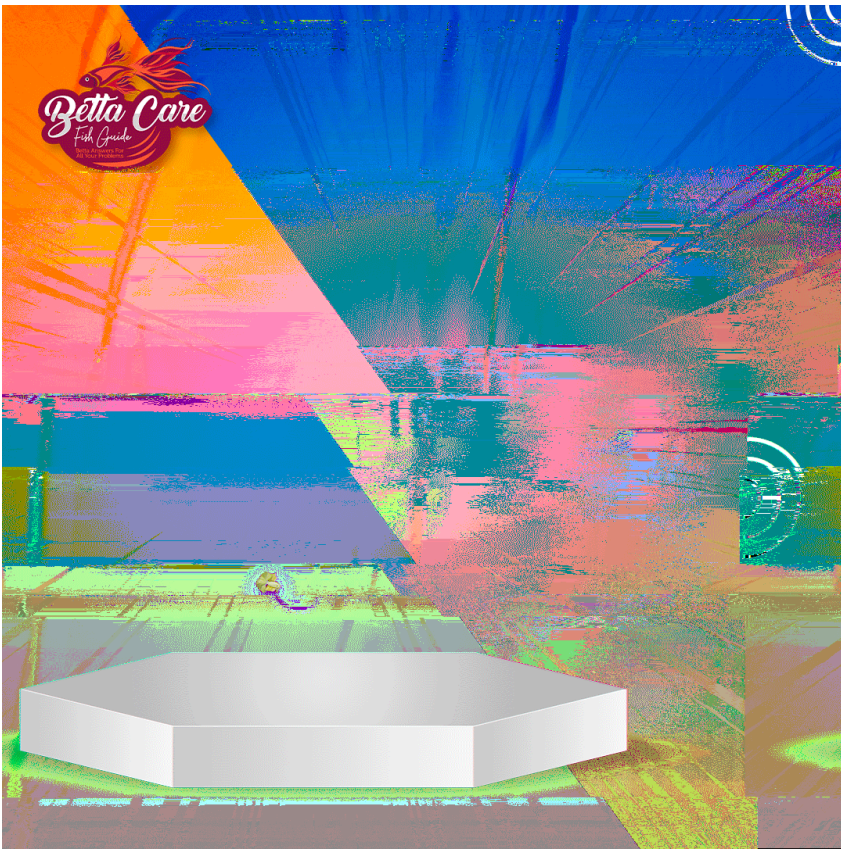
- Water temperature should be maintained at 75–79 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Slow flow in water current can be maintained using a medium-powered water filter.
- Water pH should be kept at 7-7.2.
- Keep water soft to satisfy both fish species.
- Provide low light for 8 – 10 hours per day with a dimmed aquarium light. It suits both fish species.
- Vallisneria makes for excellent floating vegetation for Gouramis.
- Hornwort and Amazon Sword Plants are great for Guppies.
- Algae-based fish flakes are perfect for both fish species. Frozen and live foods can be used to enhance the diet for Gouramis.
- A large tank of 55 gallons or more is required to house all Gouramis and Guppies. Determine the tank size based on the amount of fish you would like to keep.

(Did you know that it's possible to keep goldfish and guppies together?)

## **Conclusion**

Gouramis and Guppies are much the same in their nature and make for excellent tank mates. With similar diets and overlapping tank requirements, it's a fuss-free task caring for them.

If you liked this article, make sure you check out the rest of the website! And if you have any more questions you can ask them in the Q&A Section!



## **Can Pearl Gourami Live With Guppies? (A perfect match?) – FishKeepingAnswers.com**

Pearl Gouramis are peaceful members of the Gourami family that are known for their 'pearl' like coloration. Guppies are available in just about every color under the sun. It is common to ask 'can Pearl Gourami be kept with Guppies?'

Yes, Pearl Gourami can live with Guppies. Both species of fish are non-aggressive and will, for the most part, keep themselves to themselves. Both Pearl Gouramis and Guppies work well in a community tank setting.

About 5 years ago I bought myself 6 small Pearl Gouramis. This was my first time with these elegant fish, and I wasn't disappointed. They were tiny when I got them, but they soon grew and really began to show where the name 'Pearl' Gourami came from.

### **Can You Keep Pearl Gourami And Guppies Together?**

No one can deny, a tank full of moving, brightly colored fish looks awesome. Guppies are small, quick, colorful and they dart all over the tank. Pearl Gourami on the other hand are larger and move around the aquarium with a lot more grace. Guppies and Pearl Gourami contrast each other beautifully.

Pearl Gouramis spend almost all their time in the top third of the aquarium. They really only want to eat off the surface. The problem is, once the food begins to sink and goes past them, they are reluctant to swim down to the substrate to eat the food.

This means it can sit and rot in your water. Guppies on the other hand will eat from anywhere in the aquarium. They will happily chow down on any food which passes the Pearl Gourami by.

### **Do Pearl Gourami And Guppies Want The Same Water Conditions?**

Pearl Gourami and Guppies essentially want the same water conditions, although the Gourami is a little fussier. Target your tank to your Pearl Gourami fish's needs and the Guppies will get along just fine.

The tank water temperature should be set between 77°F and 82°F and the pH should be somewhere between 6.5 and 7.5. The Gourami do prefer the water slightly softer, whilst the Guppies prefer it slightly harder. Aim for somewhere in the middle around 10-15dH.

Both species will want the aquarium to be well filtered and neither of them wants lots of water flow. A sponge filter would work well in this setup.

I have a whole care guide to Pearl Gourami in this article titled Pearl Gourami Care Guide if you are looking for more information about Pearl Gourami requirements.

## What Size Tank For Pearl Gouramis And Guppies Together?

If you are thinking of keeping a pair of Pearl Gourami with a handful of guppies, a 30-gallon tank will be fine. A 40 gallon would allow you to keep a trio of Pearl Gourami with the Guppies.

If you would like a larger collection of Pearl Gourami, consider a 55 gallon or a 75-gallon tank. You could keep 6 or 8 Pearl Gourami in a 75-gallon tank.

## How Should A Pearl Gourami And Guppy Tank Be Set Up?

Whilst the Guppies are not especially concerned about how their tank is set up, the Pearl Gourami will definitely appreciate the tank being set up to match their needs. Pearl Gouramis like a tank with a darker substrate.

I have had great success in the past keeping my Pearl Gourami in tanks with Fluval Stratum or black blasting sand. Having plants in the tank will help make the Pearl Gourami feel safe, meaning they will spend more time swimming out in the open rather than hiding.

Floating plants in the tank will also help with the Pearl Gourami desire for slightly subdued lighting. The aquarium will need a heater and filter as mentioned above. A simple aquarium heater set to 78°F will be sufficient in most circumstances.

Try and locate your Pearl Gourami and Guppy aquarium away from areas of high traffic, otherwise, the Pearl Gourami may spend most of their time in hiding.

## Will Pearl Gourami Eat Guppy Babies?

The honest answer is yes, Pearl Gourami will probably eat some of the Guppy babies. Essentially, if a fish can fit in the Pearl Gourami mouth, one day, it will end up there.

If you are keen to prevent the Pearl Gourami from eating the Guppy babies, provide as much cover for the babies as possible. Bushy, live plants are the best way to provide cover, and floating plants with long trailing roots will help too.

Add piles of small rocks, creating gaps where the babies can get to but the Gourami can't also give the babies safe refuge.

There are however circumstances where the Pearl Gourami are used to control the Guppy population. Guppies do reproduce quickly and can easily overrun a small aquarium. Using the Pearl Gourami as natural population control may be appreciated by some aquarium keepers.

## What Other Fish Can Live In A Pearl Gourami/Guppy Tank?

Naturally, the size of the tank will determine how many fish you can have in your Pearl Gourami and Guppy community.

Assuming you have space, some other welcome tankmates may include a bristlenose pleco, some corydoras catfish, Kuhli Loach, or a schooling tetra like Cardinal Tetras.

As with all aquariums, space is the limiting factor. With your Pearl Gourami spending their days swimming just under the surface and Guppies spreading themselves around the rest of the tank, a bottom dweller is probably the ideal addition to compliment the tank.

## What Other Gourami Could Live With Guppies?

Many of the other members of the Gourami family make suitable tank mates for Guppies. Powder Blue Gourami look amazing when paired with blue Guppies. Alternatively, the bright Yellows of a Honey Gourami really pop against a red Guppy. Dwarf Gouramis are also very peaceful, and they will complement the vast array of Guppy Colours on offer.

## In Conclusion

Pearl Gourami and Guppies will work superbly together. Their care requirements are close enough that they can share the same water without issue, but the behavior is different enough to ensure there is enough interest in the tank.

Assuming your tank is large enough, fill the back on the tank with Ss

# Can gouramis live with guppies?

Yes, gouramis can live with guppies. They are both peaceful fish that can adapt to various environments, so they can cohabitate.

However, gouramis are predatory and will eat any fish that are small enough to fit in their mouths. You should choose smaller gouramis that are about the same size as the guppies, such as dwarf gouramis and honey gouramis.

You also need to make sure the fish get enough space and food to prevent aggression. Provide them with lots of decorations, plants, and hiding spots as well. Lastly, monitor the tank dynamics often and be prepared to separate the fish if the gouramis start becoming nippy.

## Can Guppies and Dwarf Gouramis Live in Same Tank? - VIVO Pets

Guppies are colorful, diverse, and peaceful fish that will get along with just about any other fish species. That's not to say they are compatible with all breeds since larger and more aggressive species may even hunt and kill guppies.

The dwarf gourami is another colorful, shy, and beautiful species that will bring a lot of diversity to your tank. It's of similar size to an adult guppy, prefers similar environmental conditions, and shares the same dietary preferences.

Knowing these facts, are guppies compatible with the gourami?

Let's have a look and see what we can find.

### Can You Keep Guppies and Gouramis in the Same Tank?

The short answer is yes, you can. Both species are peaceful and non-combative, rarely showing signs of aggression or territorial behavior. They will most likely become more confrontational during mating if the food is scarce or the tank is small or overcrowded.

Other than that, the two species should get along just fine. Here are the 3 areas where guppies and gouramis share the most striking similarities:

#### – Habitat

Guppies are mostly tropical fish, preferring the warm waters in Guyana, Antigua, Virgin Islands, or Jamaica. They are, however, spread throughout the globe, as you can find them on pretty much every continent.

Guppies will prefer rivers with slow-moving streams, providing them with proper oxygenation, clean waters, and a stable living environment. Water temperature is key since guppies don't fare well in cold waters. Their ideal water temperature range sits at around 72 to 80 degrees F.

The dwarf gourami doesn't fall far from the guppy in terms of environmental preferences. You can find the gourami mostly in Southeastern Asia,

populating vegetation-filled lakes and rivers.

Just like the guppy, the gourami also prefers stable and warm environments and is highly adaptable. However, gourami's flexible nature has allowed it to adapt to a variety of environments, which is why you can find it spread all over the world.

As you can see, both species prefer warm waters with vegetation and temperatures ranging mostly between 70 and 80 F. This already makes them compatible, absent any other factor.

## – Diet

Both guppies and gouramis have similar food tastes. Both species are omnivorous and enjoy eating plants and animal-based foods.

Guppies, for instance, are known, mosquito killers. They will not only consume the larvae but will hunt adult mosquitos as well. Guppies can jump out of the water and catch mosquitos in mid-flight with a proficiency that few other fish species can replicate.

Domesticated guppies have similar diets, just more diverse. You can feed them live food like brine shrimp, daphnia, bloodworms, vinegar eel, flake foods, plants, and veggie paste for a diverse diet.

The dwarf gourami has similar food preferences. This species is also omnivorous, preferring a mix of animal protein and plant-based nutrients. You don't need to feed them separately, which is excellent news when holding several fish species together.

Just make sure you don't overfeed them to prevent health issues or water quality problems along the way.

## – Temperament

Both guppies and the gourami are peaceful and non-combative species. They enjoy the company of other fish species and will get along with a variety of different tank mates.

There are, however, some instances when guppies and gouramis will become antagonistic towards one another. These include:

- Overcrowding – Overcrowding can lead to fish aggression and stress. This is because your fish need space to feel comfortable and safe. An overcrowded tank will force the fish to run into each other constantly, increasing their irritability in the process. Overcrowding is also a concern for the tank's environment since it will lead to excessive fish waste accumulation and lower oxygen.
- Improper feeding – If you don't feed your fish properly, they might turn on each other. No matter how friendly and peaceful guppies are, they can turn aggressive if they lack sufficient food. The same goes for the dwarf gourami.
- Too many males – Guppy males tend to be more aggressive and pushier compared to females. Crowding too many guppy and gourami males together is a bad idea, especially if there aren't enough females. As a general rule, 1 male for 3 females should suffice.

## Are Gourami Fish Aggressive?

This is a genuine concern since guppies are peaceful fish and don't do well with aggressive species. Many bigger and more aggressive fish species will attack the smaller and shier guppies; is this the case with the gourami?

No, because the gourami is a very peaceful breed. The dwarf gourami will grow up to 2 inches, pretty much the same as an average guppy.

The 2 species will get along just fine since they are compatible in pretty much all aspects.

## Will The Gourami Eat Guppy Fry?

Yes, you should expect it to happen. Guppies give birth every month, with the female delivering between 20 to 200 fry. The fry will be so small that all fish will consider them food, guppies included.

This can be both good and bad, given the guppies' high reproductive rates. If you want to keep the guppy population under control, having several gouramis in your tank will help. They will eat the excess fry, controlling the guppy population and avoiding overcrowding.

Instead, you should move the fry to a different tank if you want to keep the fry alive. Better yet, you can relocate the pregnant guppy female as soon as the labor kicks in. This will provide the guppy fry with a safe, comfortable, and peaceful environment where they can develop at their own pace.

I have written several articles on guppy breeding and how to keep the fry safe while boosting their growth. Check those out if you still have pending questions about the process.

## Conclusion

Guppies and gouramis share similar environmental conditions and enjoy the same diets. They are compatible tank mates that will leave together in peace for a long time.

You can also add additional tank mates from different species if you're looking for a plus of diversity. Don't worry, whatever's compatible with guppies is also compatible with the gouramis.



Here we include snails, shrimp, tetras, and many other species that are of similar size and show peaceful behavior.

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## **Guppies and Dwarf Gourami - Can You Keep them Together? - AquariumNexus**

Guppies and dwarf gourami share a lot. They are both peaceful species of tropical aquarium fish that can adapt to a wide range of conditions. This is the reason behind why they are so popular among the novice and adept aquarists.

However, several times you will hear various aquarist complain about their guppies being harassed and even killed by gouramis. This is a fact that we can't refurbish.

Guppies and Dwarf Gourami

So, the main question is, can you keep guppies and gouramis together?

Yes, guppy fish and gourami fish can live together. However there are few things to consider when keeping these two fish species in the same tank.

Below I've highlighted some of the requirements for gouramis and guppies:

### **Tank Size for Guppies and Gouramis**

Guppies do well in any size tank above 10 gallons. So, you don't need to worry about this too much. However, whenever you are choosing the right sized tank for the friends, remember that for every one inch of fish, you will need one gallon of water.

Averagely, adult guppies measure about 2 to 2.5 inches long. Meaning to fully cover the fish and offer an additional adequate room for swimming, 5-gallon tank can be good for two guppy fish.

Dwarf gouramis come in a wide range of sizes, depending on their type. On average, the smallest gourami measure between 1.5 to 4.0 inches long. The 1.5 inched dwarfs can happily fit in a 5-gallon nano tank. However, for the bigger counterparts, a tank of 30-40 gallons is needed.

Bottom line, the number of fish species you want to keep in your community tank should guide you. When working with two dwarfs and two guppies, a tank measuring about 30-40 gallon is an ideal. Otherwise, you need a bigger tank for more than five tank occupants

Lastly, both guppies and dwarf gourami love hiding spaces. You will need to integrate live plants in the tank to make it more natural. This adds to factors that you need to consider while choosing your tank.

# Water Parameters for Gouramis and Guppies

Guppies fall in the categories of freshwater aquarium species. For excellent health, you need to keep your tank free of chlorine. If you use tap water, the water should be de-chlorinated before pouring it into the tank.

Guppies thrive in hard water. Therefore, where you cannot access well-water, you can use unboiled tap water, placed in an open container overnight before adding into the aquarium.

Some of the water parameters that you must work to keep at a near-constant level include:

1. Water temperature ranging between 72-82 Fahrenheit (22-88 degrees celsius)
2. Water PH ranging between 6.8-7.8. De-Chlorinated tap water is always ideal when weighing your options
3. Water hardness ranging between 8-12 (dGH)
4. 0 ppm ammonia, nitrites and nitrate concentration.

The prevailing water conditions highly determine their respective health. The cardinal rule here is to keep your water free from chlorine and Chloramine contents. The two substances can immensely affect the health of your guppies and even cause death.

Additionally, care and maintained of guppies demands regular changing of your aquarium water. Usually, when you feed your pets, they produce waste due to biological processes such as excretion. You can only get rid of the accumulating waste through changing your water regularly.

For a community tank that carries both guppies and dwarfs, changing 30% of your water every week is the only way forward. This applies to low stock feeds. However, when the tank is highly stocked, you may need to change half of the water every week.

Water conditioner such as Seachem Prime can be of great use for removal of heavy metals and chlorine from the water.

Dwarfs have labyrinth that plays the role of a lung. The gland functions well under shallow waters hence making aquarium species prone to breathing at the surface of the aquarium. Otherwise, dwarfs are highly adaptable. They can survive under a wide range of parameters. Key parameters to take a keen note for include:

1. Water temperatures ranging between 75 and 80 Fahrenheit
2. pH range between 6.8 to 7.8
3. Water alkalinity between 50 ppm and 140 ppm

Dwarf Gourami loves soft and slightly acidic water. Therefore, other than keeping the aquarium well-aerated, you may not need to change your water so often.

In a tank that carries only dwarfs, you can change approximately 20-25 % of your water after a period of between two weeks to one month. However, it does no harm to change the water after every one week more so when dealing with a community tank that carries the two aforementioned species.

## Feeding Guppies and Gouramis

Proper feeding is the cornerstone for ethical and standard care and maintenance of any aquarium fish. All the aquarium species are livelier and more social during the feeding time. This trait helps you as an aquarist to determine whether your buddies are sick, depressed or healthy.

Guppies are a heavy feeder. They munch on a variety of foods that include vegetable flakes, frozen foods, raw vegetables, spirulina tabs and live foods. For healthy guppies, you need to:

1. Alternate your ingredients to ensure that they benefit from a wide range of components
2. Do not overfeed your pets. Feeding once per day works for most adept aquarists. A green flag to proper feeding entails eating in less than one minute. Anything that takes your pet more than that is harmful to the fish.

Dwarfs are omnivorous species. They thrive on flakes, tropical granules, aqueous tropical flakes and shrimp pellets. Additionally, they love live foods, frozen veggies and live foods. For healthy dwarfs.

1. Provide the food once or twice a day
2. Keep the feeding time to less than two minutes. Anything more than that is excess and can cause death.

## Conclusion

So, if you want to setup a community tank with dwarf gouramis and guppies, you can be sure that they will live together peacefully.

Don't forget though, that gouramis will eat baby guppies. So, in case you are planning to breed guppies, you might not want to keep guppies together with other fish species.

Hey, I'm Fabian, chief editor at Aquarium Nexus. I really enjoy the aquarium hobby and love sharing my experience with others. If you have any questions feel free to contact me or leave a comment below.

## Guppies and Dwarf Gouramis - Can They Live Together?

Guppies and dwarf gouramis are both very popular fish species that are often bought as community fish. The question is, will these two fish species get along well? We will find this out in this article.

Guppies are one of the most popular species. These small fish are very exciting to look at, but they are also perfect tank mates if you are looking for a peaceful species. They will get along with just about any fish species out there.

Plus, they don't require too much time and attention from your part, as they are quite hardy. That doesn't mean that you shouldn't take the time to care for them, though.

Gouramis, on the other hand, are also very popular fish. They have a lot in common with the guppies; primarily that they are small fish with plenty of character. Their appearance is also very interesting, as they exude plenty of colors and prefer to be in stagnant waters.

Another thing they have in common with the guppies is that they are peaceful and perfect to be used in community tanks.

Let us take a look at some of the features of these two fish species and how they can get along with each other.

### Guppies and Gouramis Habitat

Guppies can be found in every continent except from Antarctica. They are found in US Virgin Islands, Brazil, Barbados, Antigua and Barbuda, Guyana, Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago.

They are especially found in slow-moving streams, but are also commonly found in fast-flowing rivers in these areas. Guppies were deemed as being very helpful in controlling the mosquito populations of these areas, and were often introduced to such waters on purpose. Their popularity has spread worldwide.

Dwarf gouramis are populants of slow-moving streams with brackish waters, such as lakes and streams with plenty of vegetation. Mostly, gouramis are located in southern Asia, especially in countries like India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, but they are also found across southeastern Asia.

Even though those are the natural habitats of the gouramis, they have spread all around the world and are also found in other areas.

Guppies are known as not picky eaters, and tend to eat just about anything. In their natural habitat, the guppies tend to eat mosquito larvae and other live foods. Other times, they eat plant and animal matter.

If you keep them in your tank, they can also consume flakes or pellets, which is also the most convenient way to feed them. Another good way to feed them is frozen and dried foods, as well as plant-based foods.

In their natural habitat, their diet isn't that much different of that of a guppy. They tend to feed on smaller insects such as mosquitoes, as well as larvae and algae.

If you have them in your tank, they can eat a variety of foods; the primary source of their diet can be flakes and pellets, as well as frozen and dried foods. Another way you can feed them is vegetable-based foods such as vegetable tablets and other sources such as algae.

### Other Tank Mates for Guppies and Gouramis

The best thing about these two species is the fact that they are very peaceful and get along well with other fish species. That makes them good tank mates, and other similar fish species are perfect to be kept with guppies and gouramis.

They will happily live in a community tank, but you should be wary about which species you keep them with.

Gouramis and guppies will get along really well, but there are plenty other fish species that you can use.

Platies, mollies, swordtails, cory catfish, bristlenose plecos, angelfish, tetras, rasboras, shrimp, snails, and even bettas under specific conditions. This is the great thing about these two – they can get along well with a variety of different fish.

### Will Gouramis Attack Guppies?

The general answer is that these species don't attack each other. They are peaceful and don't get into each other's way. There would have to be very specific conditions for them to attack each other.

Generally, and most often, though, they tend to be very happy to be kept together. You can feel safe about having these in the same tank.

In fact, gouramis will get along with all other peaceful fish species. There are many friendly fish species that you can get for gouramis, and you can create a peaceful community of fish.

## **Will Gouramis Eat Guppy Fry?**

They can, especially if it is unprotected. This, however, might not be such a bad thing, as you don't want guppies to spread too much in the tank. Under certain circumstances, it might happen.

Sometimes, the gouramis can eat the fry. Even guppies themselves can eat their own fry sometimes, which you can prevent by putting the fry into a separate container.

You can also get a breeder net to avoid the fry from getting eaten. It can happen, and usually it will, unless the fry are protected in some way. It is quite a common thing with many fish species.

## **Are Gourami Fish Aggressive?**

No, gourami fish are very peaceful and are very happy to be kept with other peaceful creatures.

However, you should be wary about putting the gouramis next to some aggressive fish species.

The friendly character of the gouramis makes them one of the most popular fish species around.

## **Conclusion**

Guppies and gouramis will get along really well. Most of the time, you won't have to worry about keeping guppies and gouramis together, and you can prevent aggressiveness of gouramis towards guppy fry by separating the fry.

In general, though, guppies and gouramis are good tank mates and you can create a great relationship between them. In addition, you can always add other peaceful fish species such as tetras and other similar fish, if you want to live it up a bit.

Even snails and shrimp can be considered, and you can have an exciting tank with guppies and gouramis.

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# **Dwarf Gourami With Guppies: Requirements in Keeping Them Together - HomeTanks**



Guppies and dwarf gouramis can live together in a tank, but keeping things in balance is essential. Ensure you provide plenty of hiding places for both species and ensure the water quality and temperature are comfortable. You can also give them different food options to keep them occupied.

If these precautions are taken, healthy and happy dwarf gourami with guppies is possible. So, if you consider adding dwarf gourami to your home aquarium, research the species and carefully consider its compatibility with other tank inhabitants.

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## **Housing Dwarf Gouramis and Guppies Together: Making It Work!**

### **Guppies and Gouramis Habitat**

Both guppies and dwarf gouramis are tropical fish, so that they will appreciate a warm, humid habitat. A small bowl or vase filled with fresh-cut flowers can be set in the tank to provide them with nectar and pollen. In addition, some bubbling tropical fish water plants such as java fern can be added to the habitat.

Guppies usually enjoy swimming around in circles; this is particularly entertaining for dwarf gourami. Be sure to provide plenty of hiding spots for your new friends to rest assured when they're not exploring their surroundings.

### **Guppies and Gouramis Diet**

Guppies and dwarf gouramis are predators, so that they will require a high-quality diet. You can give them small live or frozen foods such as brine shrimp, daphnia, or crayfish. Be sure to change the food regularly to keep it fresh.

Additionally, both species appreciate some vegetable matter in their diet. For example, feed them cucumbers, zucchini, or other small vegetables that have been chopped into small pieces. Be sure to feed them a variety of food, so they don't get bored.

### **Tank Size for Guppies and Gouramis**

Since dwarf gourami can get quite large, a tank size of at least 15 gallons is necessary. If you're adding multiple dwarf gouramis, consider an even larger tank. Additionally, since both guppies and dwarf gouramis are territorial, ensure enough space for them to swim around.



### **Water Parameters for Gouramis and Guppies**

Keeping gouramis and guppies in freshwater aquariums can be a lot of fun, but it's essential to keep in mind a few water parameters. Specifically, gouramis and guppies require a specific level of humidity to thrive. Be sure to change the water regularly and add a quality filter to your tank. Add a little salt or de-chlorinator to the water if necessary.

To adjust the water parameters accordingly, measure the water's temperature and pH levels regularly. Be careful not to overuse the filter over time; this will cause the tank to become overstocked and unhealthy. In the end, enjoying your gourami or guppies with dwarf gourami guppies is a lot of fun.

## **Most Common Problems When Keeping Dwarf Gouramis and Guppies Together**

The most common problems when keeping dwarf gourami and guppies together include aggression, territoriality, overcrowding, poor water quality, and disease.

In addition, dwarf gourami guppies may be unable to compete for food with the larger fish. So if you're thinking of adding dwarf gourami or guppy to your existing tank, consult with an experienced aquarist first.

### **Will Gouramis Attack Guppies?**

While it's theoretically possible for dwarf gouramis to attack guppies, this is incredibly rare. Many hobbyists consider dwarf gourami and guppy pairs some of the most compatible aquarium fish.

Additionally, dwarf gouramis are very peaceful and will not retaliate against their much smaller tank-mates.

### **Will Gouramis Eat Guppy Fry?**

Again, this is theoretically possible but is very rare. Even if dwarf gourami did try to eat a guppy fry, the fry would be too small and weak to resist. Dwarf gouramis are voracious predators that feed on smaller fish and invertebrates in the aquarium.

### **Are Gourami Fish Aggressive?**

There is no consensus on whether or not gourami fish are aggressive, but most aquarists agree that they can be territorial. Therefore, it's essential to ensure your fish tank has adequate space and that you provide the guppies with their territory.

Additionally, dwarf gouramis may attack other small aquatic creatures, so keep an eye out for added competition in your tank. If things get too heated between the dwarf gourami and guppies in your aquarium, remove one of the fish until everything has calmed down again.

## **Combining Dwarf Gouramis and Guppies With Other Fish**

Yes, dwarf gourami and guppies can be combined with other types of fish. However, the compatibility of these fish species is not well-known, so it is advisable to research them before adding them to a tank.

In addition, it is essential to make sure the size and shape of the tanks are compatible to avoid potential aggression or territoriality issues.



## **Dwarf Gourami Compatibility With Other Fish**

Choosing the right fish for your aquarium is essential, but it's even more crucial regarding compatibility. That's why it's essential to consider the dwarf gourami when choosing fish for your tank.

These gentle fish are compatible with other fish with a similar size and temperament. However, be cautious with larger fish that may try to eat the dwarf gourami. Provide lots of hiding spots for your little friends, and enjoy watching them interact and play together.

The water parameters for the tank should be adjusted accordingly to ensure compatibility between all parties involved. So, go ahead and add the dwarf gourami to your aquarium with compatible fish. It will be a great addition to your tank.