

Life of a
Guppy



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Migration story



First, the female guppy swims into a school of males. She selects the male she likes most, and begins her Migration.

It is a tough start, because water flows. There are also sharp rocks, so she cannot swim all the way. She swims and then jumps above water, over the rocks, and lands at the end of the water flow.

Then there are some rocks close together and hard gravel. Then she swims just below the water's surface. She jumps out of the water to avoid the rocks.

Now comes the most dangerous challenge. A boulder blocking the way, with just thin crevices no fish can swim through. She uses all her power to swim down the current, and jumps as high as she can out of the water, and over the boulder. Her journey is complete.

Now she has to wait in a pool of calm water for the males to arrive. To spend the time, she makes a stage. Then the males dash into the stage. She spots the male she chose, and they do the mating dance.

After one month she gives birth to her young.

Facts page

1. THERE ARE COLOR VARIANTS OF THE MALE.
2. DOMESTICATED MALES ARE MORE COLORFUL THAN THE WILD MALES.
3. THEY GIVE BIRTH, AND DO NOT LAY EGGS.
4. GESTATION PERIOD LASTS ONE MONTH.
5. IT IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR AQUARIUM FISH
6. THEIR HABITAT IN THE WILD IS IN STREAMS IN THE ISLANDS OF THE CARIBBEAN SEA AND IN PARTS OF SOUTH AMERICA.

Description

Males are green-yellow, with blotches of black, orange, turquoise, and blue, spots of black, and lines of dark gray.



Females are transparent skin color, with a spot of dark blue, and a patch of gray.



Predators

1. Wolf fish
2. Small baby pike
3. Pike cichlid

Attracting mates

The males get splashes of color, and large, colorful tails. The females choose the males with the biggest tails.



Rare black guppy males



The rare black guppy males are not paid much attention because they are black with no splashes of color. They are not chosen by females and the males hold the sperm for too long and die.