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| [**Scientific classification**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taxonomy_(biology))**[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Template:Taxonomy/Andinoacara)** | |
| Kingdom: | [Animalia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Animal) |
| Phylum: | [Chordata](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chordate) |
| Class: | [Actinopterygii](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Actinopterygii) |
| Order: | [Cichliformes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cichliformes) |
| Family: | [Cichlidae](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cichlid) |
| Genus: | [*Andinoacara*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andinoacara) |
| Species: | ***A. pulcher*** |

**ELECTRIC BLUE ACARA**

The **electric** **blue acara** (*Andinoacara pulcher*) is a very colorful [freshwater fish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freshwater_fish) in the [cichlid](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cichlid) family.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blue_acara#cite_note-Musilova2009-1) This

fish can be found in various freshwater habitats, ranging from standing water to flowing streams, in [Venezuela](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Venezuela) and [Trinidad](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trinidad).[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blue_acara#cite_note-fishbase-2) They can reach lengths of 16 cm (6.3 in).[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blue_acara#cite_note-fishbase-2) The scientific species name is indicative to its looks; *pulcher* meaning "beautiful" in [Latin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Latin). The blue acara is a common cichlid sold in many aquarium stores, and is sometimes confused with the larger [green terror](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Green_terror) (*A. rivulatus*).

The body of the blue acara is stocky and compact with a steel blue-gray coloration. Noticeable horizontal green lines occur on their faces and their blueish-green scales give them a sparkling appearance. They also have long, flowing fins with a hint of orange to the tips.

Blue acaras natively live in a tropical climate and prefer water with a [pH](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PH) of 6.5-8.0, a water hardness of 25° [dGH](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DGH" \o "DGH), and a water temperature of 22–30 °C (72–86 °F)