



Betta *betta splendens*

- Did you know that the male betta raises its babies? The male protects the eggs and builds the bubble nest where the eggs will grow!
- Betta fish originated in Thailand and Cambodia, which is why they are also called Siamese fighting fish.
- Bettas prefer slow-moving water and don't do well in river-like currents.
- The name "betta" is unrelated to the Greek letter "beta" and originates from the Thai/Malay phrase, "Ikan betta," which loosely translates to "persistent fish."
- Bettas were first discovered in Southeast Asia, living in rice paddy ponds, drainage ditches and flood plains. Bettas adapted to living in a very diverse area prone to frequent storms and devastating droughts.
- Bettas have a labyrinth gill, allowing them to breathe oxygen directly from the surface of the water.
- Bettas are carnivores.
- There are over 60 known morphs of bettas.
- Popular bettas are shown below:



Veiltail Betta
male sku 12521



Double Tail Betta
male sku 1276476



Veiltail Betta
female sku 12637



Delta Tail Betta
male sku 1035959



Crowntail Betta
male sku 815586



Halfmoon Betta
male sku 1035967



Crowntail Betta
female sku 1035940



Dragon Scale Betta
male sku 2298832



Halfmoon Double Tail Betta
male sku 1312030