

# DISCUS TETRA

*Brachychalcinus orbicularis*  
Valenciennes, 1850



## CLASSIFICATION

**Class:** Actinopteri  
**Order:** Characiformes  
**Family:** Characidae

No recognized subspecies



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**Identification:** Adults can reach a length of 12 cm. Round-shaped and laterally compressed body with humped back and big belly. Coloration silvery-gray with shiny reflections on flanks. Reddish-eyes. Black spot on lowest part of anal fin.

**Range:** The species occurs in south America and can be found in the main drainages of Guyana and Suriname.

**Habitat :** Lowland rivers and creeks, rarely in isolated pools.

**Behavior:** The species is gregarious and often lives close to the surface. Feeds on small invertebrates, insect larvae and plant matters.

**Status in the wild:** The species' status hasn't been assessed but it seems to be at least locally common within its range. Still captured for international trade.

**In captivity:** This species is rarely available in fish dealers stocklists. It's also very rare in public collections with only 4 European zoos and aquariums displaying it. Probably commoner in private collections. Has been bred in captivity.