

BUTTERFLY FISH

The butterfly fish has a black spot on its back, most likely to distract predators.

The butterfly fish is a family of tropical marine animals that have adapted to life in and around coral reefs. The seemingly endless permutations of beautiful colors and patterns give each species an entirely distinctive appearance, much like the flower insect for which it's named. In fact, the vivid appearance and rather devilish personality have made them a very popular type of aquarium fish. This fish is most active during the day and sleeps at night in crevices and hiding spots.

This fish can change its colors automatically depending on the situation. The bright colors often fade during the nighttime to blend in with the coral reefs. But the colors become even brighter when the fish feels antagonized. Most of these fish travel around in schools or pairs for feeding and protection, but some are highly territorial. The butterfly fish relies on its sight to find prey and communicate with others. If two fish become separated, then one may swim upward to alert the other of its presence.