



PREMIUM LINE

Alpha Swordtail Albino Red

Xiphophorus hellerii

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CARE LEVEL	MIN TANK	TEMPERATURE	PH	GROUP
Easy	20 gallons (~75 L)	72-80 °F (22-27 °C)	7.0-8.3	Small group

OVERVIEW

The Alpha Swordtail Albino Red is a premium selectively-bred swordtail in brilliant red and white, with the heavy, full-bodied 'Alpha' conformation and the male's signature extended sword on the lower tail. A peaceful, active, larger livebearer that brings vivid colour and graceful movement to a community aquarium.

NATURAL HABITAT

The green swordtail, *Xiphophorus hellerii*, is native to the fast-flowing streams and warm rivers of Central America, from Mexico to Honduras. The albino red Alpha is a long-established ornamental line, bred for colour and body type and maintained entirely in captivity.



VIEW ONLINE

Scan for the full Alpha Swordtail Albino Red listing

Live price, current stock, and our Live Arrival Guarantee:

jojoaquatics.com/products/alpha-swordtail

TANK SETUP

Active and strong-swimming, they want a 20-gallon (~75 L) or larger tank with open water and planted edges. Hard, alkaline water, a secure lid (males in particular will jump), and a gentle to moderate current suit them. A longer tank is better than a tall one.

DIET

An omnivore that grazes naturally on algae and small invertebrates. Feed a quality flake or pellet with vegetable content, supplemented with frozen daphnia, brine shrimp, and occasional blanched greens. Some plant matter in the diet keeps the gut healthy and colour strong.

WATER PARAMETERS

Hard, alkaline, stable water: 72–80 °F (22–27 °C), pH 7.0–8.3, GH 12–30 dGH. Like all livebearers they prefer harder water and resent soft, acidic conditions. Keep the tank clean and well-filtered with regular partial changes.

TEMPERAMENT & TANKMATES

Peaceful but spirited; keep one male with several females, or a larger group, to spread any chasing. Excellent with other livebearers, larger tetras, rainbowfish, Corydoras, and peaceful cichlids. Multiple males may spar, so give them room or keep a single male.

BREEDING

A very easy livebearer — females deliver broods of well-developed live fry roughly monthly. Provide dense or floating plants so fry can hide, as adults will eat them. Fry grow quickly on crushed flake and baby brine shrimp.

HEALTH & ACCLIMATION

Robust and undemanding in hard water. Albino strains can be a touch more light-sensitive and slightly less vigorous than wild-type, so keep water pristine and avoid harsh lighting. Quarantine and drip-acclimate; stable, hard water keeps them thriving for years.



APPROXIMATE SHIPPING SIZE

Alpha Swordtails ship as juveniles to young adults at approximately 1.5–2.5 inches (4–6 cm); the male's sword develops with maturity. Adult size is approximately 4–5.5 inches (10–14 cm) including the sword. All orders are covered by our Live Arrival Guarantee.

TECHNICAL DATA

Family	Poeciliidae
Origin	Central America (selectively bred line)
Bred	Captive Bred
Care	Easy
Adult size	4–5.5 in (10–14 cm)
Min tank	20 gallons (~75 L)
Lifespan	3–5 years
Temperament	Peaceful, active
Diet	Omnivore
pH	7.0–8.3
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FROM OUR KNOWLEDGE BASE

Water chemistry essentials

- **Cycle first.** Add livestock only to a fully cycled, matured tank — ammonia and nitrite at 0, nitrate kept low with weekly water changes.
- **GH & KH.** General hardness feeds livestock; carbonate hardness buffers pH. Match the ranges in the table above rather than chasing a single number.
- **Stability over targets.** Most freshwater species adapt to a wider range than the internet suggests, as long as water is clean, stable, and well-cycled.

Drip acclimation, step by step

1. Float the sealed bag 15–20 min to match temperature.
2. Open into a clean container; start a slow drip from your tank.
3. Drip over 45–60 min until the volume roughly triples.
4. Net the fish into the tank — never pour bag water in.
5. Quarantine new arrivals 2–4 weeks before adding to a display tank.

Live Arrival Guarantee. Every order is packed with a heat or cool pack as the forecast requires and arrives healthy, or we make it right. Photograph any loss within 2 hours of delivery and email help@jojoaquatics.com.

— The JoJo Aquatics team, Key West, Florida

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- Hard, alkaline, stable water — 72–80 °F (22–27 °C), pH 7.0–8.3, GH 12–30 dGH.
- Feed veggie-rich flake and pellet plus frozen daphnia, brine shrimp, and blanched greens.
- Keep one male with several females to spread chasing; peaceful with most community fish.
- Easy livebearer — provide plant cover for fry, which adults will otherwise eat.

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