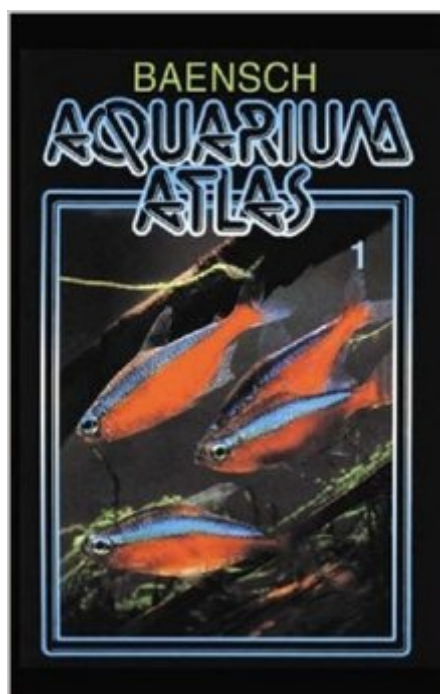


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# Aquarium Atlas, Vol. 1



## Synopsis

This eagerly awaited third volume of the Baensch Freshwater Atlas series presents more than 1,000 new color photographs of aquatic species not included in the previous two works. Shows 900 aquarium fish species in full-color, 80 aquatic plant species for the home aquarium, and new and exotic discoveries in their natural habitats. Includes advice on care, feeding, breeding, and natural history of each species. Full color throughout. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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A large and recommendable guide to fresh and brackish water fishes and plants, in the style and format of volume 1 (to which it often refers for further information on related species).Contents:- A section on aquatic plants both sub-aquatic and emersed, including 22 pages dedicated to the flowers of the plants featured (mostly pictures - from the small and humble to the impressively coloured and shaped). 150 plants are described (according to their count).- A section on iron and other nutrients: symptoms of deficiencies, fertilisation, CO2 addition and general plant care and choice guidelines (about 10 pages total, includes some pictures of symptoms of common plant problems)- A section on algae, including description, pictures and control for: blue-green algae (cyanobacteria), diatoms (a.k.a. brown algae), and cluster, beard, green bunch, green spot, black spot, pelt, black brush, filamentous and suspended algae (9 pages, with pictures).- Some 22 pages on anatomy and physiology of fishes.- The largest section (almost 2000 pages) describes and contains pictures of some 850 species (again, on editor's count). From time to time a picture of a

biotope is included - sometimes with specifications as to the fishy inhabitants, sometimes with miscellaneous comments. The origin of these is quite unbalanced: while South America scores some 17 photos, lake Malawi makes do with 4 (though 2 are underwater ones - the only ones to be so!), lake Tanganyika with just one, Australia with 3 and Asia with 1. The rest go completely unrecorded. To make matters worse most of these are landscape pictures giving little information about the actual habitat of the fish or plants.

This is not just any sappy aquarium book on some market place. This is a real treasure made by professional aquarists Riehd and Baensch. In fact, this 1000-page book covers ALL of the information you'd ever wanted to know about basic fishkeeping. It is introduced by some pictures and good tips of decorating & creating a natural aquarium. It also has a few samples of how to place the aquarium (in the wall, on a bench, etc). A Piece of Advice: feel free to decorate your aquarium with art objects, because I have done so with mine, and the fishes seem to be thriving as well, although the authors of this book says it is a half-bad idea. Anyway, let's continue. The book covers every aspect on water quality, techniques, lighting, and much more. It has also a glossary of chemical terms worth to know. Then, the plant section comes. All of the aquarium plants I have at home can be identified here. It contains lots of useful information as well. But the probably best part of the book is the huge section for identification & keeping of fishes. The section is taking up most of the book and identifies over 600 fish species, with detailed species description. I own over a dozen freshwater aquarium books, but this one is with no doubt the most helpful. It provides detailed information, and every time before buying a new fish, I read about it in this book. Some times I read twice, as I want to be really sure that I can keep it in my aquariums. All fishes have requirements - and some times they are very high, as with cichlids, so they cannot be kept in small aquariums or with other fishes. I also control that they have the right Ph requirements for my aquariums.

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