Celestial Goldfish

Celestials first appeared around 1870. In Japan the celestial is called the demeranchu.

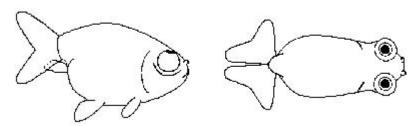
The Standard

The celestial standard is as follows:

- Depth of body to be greater than 1/2 of body length
- Eyes to be protruding upwards from the surface of the head
- Dorsal fin to be absent
- All other fins to be paired, caudal fin to be divided
- Caudal fin to be forked Extremities of fins to have a rounded appearance
- Minimum length of body to be 5.5 cm (2½ inches)
- The fish should be bright and alert.
- The body should be short not elongated, with smooth contours and showing no sign of a dorsal fin.
- The caudal fin should be well divided.
- The eyes should be well matched, looking upwards and well developed.

The color may be metallic (self-colored or variegated in a pleasing pattern and similar on each side) or calico. Metallic colors should appear as burnished metal, extending into the fins. Calico fish should have a blue background with patches of violet, red, orange, yellow and brown, spotted with black.

Ideal profiles are illustrated below:



The Fish

Adult celestial, variegated red/silver-white coloration.





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