



Plants for Discus Aquariums

The following recommendations for plants, which are suitable for discus fish aquariums (water temperature of 28 - 30°/ 82,4 - 86°F) are kindly provided by Mr. Adrie Baumann (2013 LIVE Aquascaping World Champion). Mr. Baumann takes great pride in his beautifully aquascaped aquarium, which he has stocked with our **STENDKER** Discus Fish.

We think that not much beats a beautifully aquascaped aquarium featuring our discus fish. To us, this is “**perfection – the crowning glory of freshwater aquariums**”. If you choose to use real plants in your aquarium, you will generally require CO₂ equipment and fertiliser.

It is a little tricky, to not add too much fertiliser and CO₂ to your aquarium and to achieve a good balance between plant growth and ideal conditions for your discus fish. You also need to leave sufficient space for your fish to swim around in.

We recommend that you first test plants for their bacterial compatibility in a quarantine aquarium ([LINK: Bacterial Compatibility](#)).

You can also have your discus aquarium professionally designed and set up at: [LINK: Baumann/Aquascape](#)

Suitable plants for discus aquariums

(a small selection of suitable plants is provided below):

- Anubias barteri var. angustifolia
- Anubias barteri var. Barteri
- Anubias barteri var. caladiifolia
- Anubias barteri var. coffeefolia
- Anubias barteri var. nana
- Anubias barteri var. nana 'Petite'
- Aponogeton boivinianus
- Aponogeton crispus
- Aponogeton crispus 'Red'
- Aponogeton longiplumulosus
- Aponogeton madagascariensis
- Aponogeton ulvaceus
- Bolbitis heudelotii
- Ceratopteris thalictroides
- Crinum calamistratum
- Crinum natans
- Crinum thaianum
- Cryptocoryne beckettii "petchii"
- Cryptocoryne crispatula
- Cryptocoryne parva



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- Echinodorus uruguayensis
- Echinodorus `Vesuvius`
- Echinodorus `Barthii`
- Heteranthera zosterifolia
- Hydrocotyle verticillata
- Hygrophila corymbosa
- Hygrophila corymbosa `Angustifolia`
- Hygrophila corymbosa `Siamensis`
- Lilaeopsis brasiliensis
- Ludwigia glandulosa
- Ludwigia repens `Rubin`
- Marsilea hirsuta
- Microsorium pteropus
- Microsorium pteropus `Narrow`
- Microsorium pteropus `Trident`
- Nymphaea lotus
- Nymphoides sp. `Taiwan`
- Pogostemon stellata
- Rotala rotundifolia
- Rotala sp `Green`
- Sagittaria subulata
- Staurogyne repens
- Taxiphyllum barbieri
- Taxiphyllum sp. `Spiky`
- Vallisneria sp. `Gigantea`
- Vallisneria sp. `Natans`
- Vallisneria spiralis `Tiger`
- Vesicularia dubyana `Christmas`
- Vesicularia ferriei `Weeping`

Please plant smaller plants at the front and larger plants at the back of the aquarium.
Water plants should be cut back regularly, to ensure that your discus fish have sufficient space to swim in.

To pre-treat purchased plants, which can occasionally be colonised by snails, it is advisable to leave the plants in a bucket of carbonated water (sparkling water) for approx. 24 hours. This removes the snails from the plants, so they don't inadvertently find their way into your aquarium.

W A R N I N G: Always remove the lead strips from plants before planting, as otherwise the plants will die and your aquarium water will be contaminated by the lead strip.

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