

## Galaxea

Class Anthozoa, Order Scleractinia, Family Oculinidae, Genus *Galaxea*



photo by Mike LaPorte

**Common names:** galaxea

**Natural origin:** Indo-Pacific

**Sensitivity (Level 2 to 3):** Though not beginner corals, they're generally tolerant in healthy, established aquariums.

**Feeding:** These corals should be fed a variety of smaller particle food.

**Lighting (Level 3 to 5):** They can adapt to a range of lighting conditions and seem to do well under less intense light. As always, care should be taken to acclimate the coral to any change in lighting conditions.

**Water flow:** They do best with surging water flow. If surging flow is not available, place in an area of the tank with stronger, more turbulent flow.

**Placement:** These corals can get quite aggressive with their exceptionally long stinging sweeper tentacles. Even small colonies need a lot of room.

**General:** *Galaxea* have thin, fragile polyp skeletons (corallites). Please handle with care. If not being kept in a tank with strong, surging water flow, be sure to keep clear of sediment with daily "blasting" with a turkey baster or power head. When healthy and kept well, these corals can grow quite fast and are easy to fragment and propagate.