

Fish

Glass Perchlet

Scientific Name: *Ambassis marianus*

Other Common Names: Glass Fish, Paper Fish, Snotty, Yellow Perchlet



General Information: Usually travel in schools of up to several hundred fish. Can be seen as they leave surface ripples on the water. A person using a cast net or drag net dread ensnaring schools of Perchlets as they are very difficult to remove as the dorsal spines run backwards and the spines on the cheeks run forward. They are covered with a very thick slime hence the common name Snotty.

Habitat/Distribution/Growth: Inhabit bay and estuaries throughout Queensland and Northern Territory. Normally found in shallow waters. The Glass Perchlet grows to 110mm.

Special Characteristics: The body is dominantly pale yellow with a thin mid lateral black streak towards the tail. The dorsal fin is marked with dusky-black between the second and third spine. If looked at closely you can see the back bone and gut cavity hence the name Glass Fish.