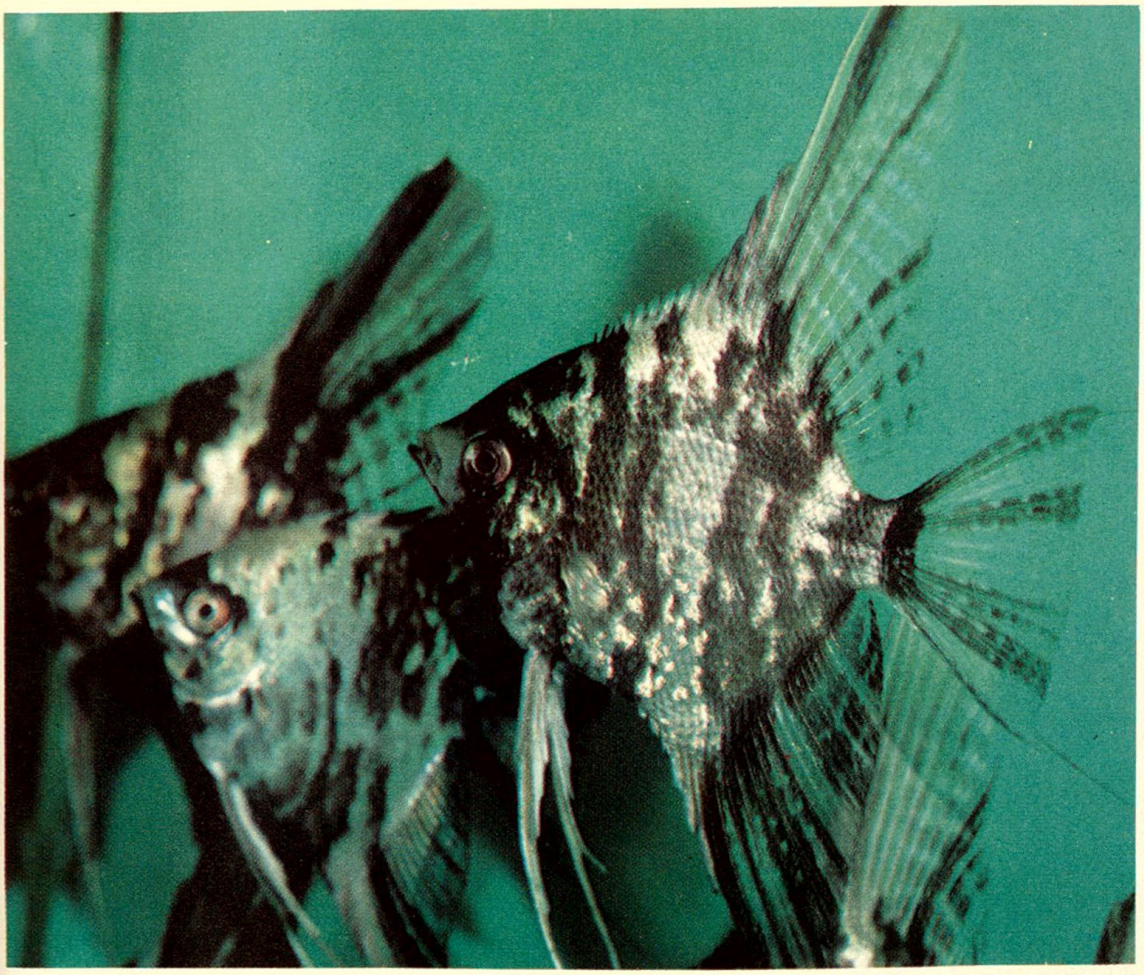


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NEW ANGELFISH VARIETIES

The Angelfish is a popular fish, and it stands to reason that attractive new varieties of the basic Angel stock will also be popular. Such is the case with the Marbleized Angel, a new strain developed and marketed in quantity by California breeder Charles Ash. (Bud Goddard, a Florida breeder, had produced a marble Anglefish about five years before Ash produced his, but the Goddard strain was not fixed.)

Among a batch of regular Angelfish youngsters that he was raising, Ash noticed a youngster whose markings differed considerably from those of its brothers and sisters. He separated this fish (it turned out to be a female, and very attractive) and later bred to a regular Angel male; males of the resulting fry, which grew quickly, were subsequently mated to the mother, but a number of spawnings produced only three more marbleized young. These three, however, formed the core of a colony that bred true and allowed Mr.

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A mutation resulting from a cross between normal Silver Angels and Black-Lace Angels; this fish was produced by H. M. Wingate at Lakeland Tropical Fish Hatcheries.

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The Marble Angel bred by Bud Goddard; this strain was not fixed.

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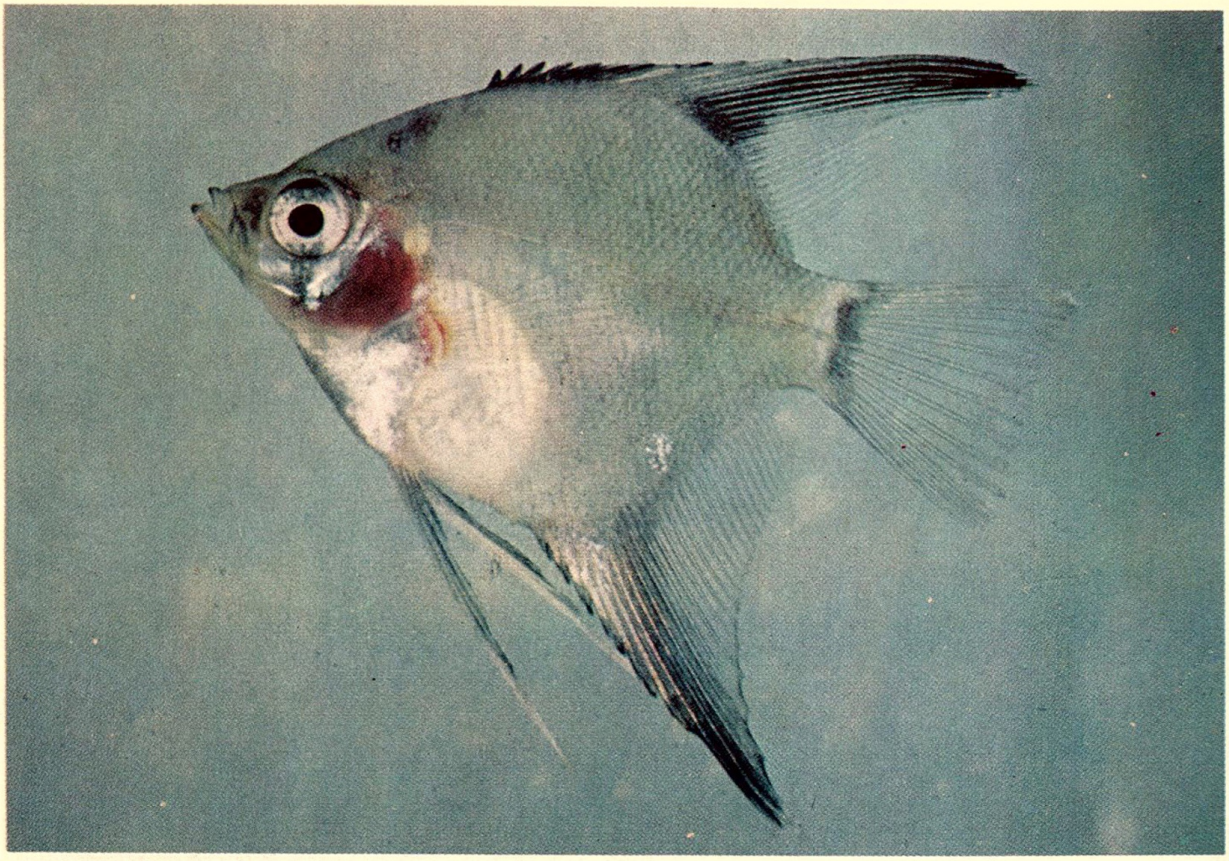


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The Conles Blushing Angelfish: Blushing Angelfish have been a regular fixture on the market for a number of years and are available fairly often; the specimen shown is a young fish.

Ash to perpetuate his development in quantity. The new marbleized Angels caught on immediately with aquarium hobbyists, and specimens of the new strain were sold throughout the country.

Many hobbyists consider marbleized Angels better looking than the basic silver stock, and they breed true, so it seems that the Ash marbleized Angel has earned itself a permanent place in the hobby.

Recent years have witnessed the development of a number of other different new Angelfish strains. Included among them are the All White Ghost Angel developed by Gulf Fish Farms of Florida, the Conles Blushing Angelfish produced by Lester Boisvert of Connecticut, and an albino Angelfish bred by Bud Goddard; this last-named strain was represented by only a single specimen, which unfortunately died before it had a chance to spawn.

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