

# The Pier Aquarium presents the Celebrity Critter of the Week!



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## Orange Diamond Goby

Scientific Name: *Valencienna puellaris*

Habitat: Indo-Pacific region from the Red Sea to Samoa, north to southern Japan and south to the Great Barrier Reef and New Caledonia.

Description: typical Goby in shape with a long body and large head and mouth with the eyes positioned on top of the head. White in base color with orange spots down the body and into the fins.

## Top 10 Facts:

1. The Orange Diamond Goby can grow to 6-7 inches .
2. This fish can share a burrow with a mate.
3. They may also share a burrow with another Goby of the same or a similar species.
4. The Orange Diamond Goby do not have a swim bladder, which is why they spend most of their time in a still position. Swimming is brief and jerky
5. This species will typically chase after food in the water column, but they will never get too far from the safety of their burrow.
6. Males guard the eggs.
7. After hatching, the larvae drift into the plankton to develop.
8. The larvae will migrate back to the sea floor as juveniles.
9. Orange Diamond Gobies are primarily carnivores and will sift the sand through their gills looking for worms and small crustaceans.
10. The Orange Diamond Goby may rest upon corals and clams.

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