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How Do Clownfish Become Parents?

Short Answer Key

1. The largest male clownfish changes into a female and becomes the new leader of the group.
2. The male clownfish fans the eggs with his fins to keep them clean and safe and guards them from predators.
3. Clownfish eggs hatch in 6 to 10 days, depending on the water temperature.
4. After hatching, baby clownfish (larvae) drift in ocean currents before finding a coral reef to live on.
5. Clownfish don't care for their young after they hatch because the larvae are independent and must find food and shelter on their own.

