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## Common carp

*Cyprinus carpio*

The common carp is a large, omnivorous freshwater fish native to Europe and Asia, but now found on every continent except Antarctica due to extensive introductions. It has a robust, deep-bodied form ...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Fish

**Family:** Cyprinidae

**Habitat:** Freshwater rivers, lakes, and ponds

**Diet:** Omnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 15-20 years (can exceed 40 years in captivity)

**Weight:** 2–14 kg (4.4–30.9 lbs), occasionally up to 40 kg (88 lbs)

**Scientific name:** *Cyprinus carpio*

### Did you know?

- Some common carp have been known to live for over 40 years in captivity, making them one of the longest-lived freshwater fish species.
- Common carp can recognize individual humans and be trained to feed from their hands. They have been selectively bred for centuries, resulting in orna...

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