

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## European perch

*Perca fluviatilis*

The European perch is a widely distributed freshwater fish found throughout Europe and northern Asia. Characterized by its greenish body marked with dark vertical bars and bright red or orange coloration.

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Fish**Family:** Percidae**Habitat:** Freshwater lakes, rivers, and ponds**Diet:** Carnivore**Conservation status:** Least Concern**Lifespan:** 9-22 years**Weight:** 0.5–2.5 kg**Scientific name:** *Perca fluviatilis*

### Did you know?

- The European perch has been introduced to countries far outside its native range, including Australia and New Zealand, where it is considered an invasive species.
- European perch can change their diet as they grow, starting with small invertebrates and moving on to fish as adults. They are often one of the first...

### What I learned

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