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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 colori…

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 inva…
- 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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