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Animal Fact Sheet

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Golden Trout

Oncorhynchus mykiss aguabonita

The Golden Trout is a brilliantly colored freshwater fish native to the cold, clear mountain streams and lakes of California's Sierra Nevada. Easily recognized by its bright golden-yellow body, red h…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Salmonidae
Habitat: Cold mountain streams and alpine lakes
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Near Threatened
Lifespan: 5-7 years
Weight: 0.23-1 kg (0.5-2.2 lbs)
Scientific name: Oncorhynchus mykiss aguabonita

Did you know?

- Golden Trout have been introduced to other states and countries, but pure populations remain rare and are threatened by hybridization and habitat los…
- Golden Trout are California's official state fish and are known for thriving at elevations higher than almost any other native trout. Their vivid col…

What I learned

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