

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Pink Salmon

*Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*

The pink salmon is the smallest and most abundant of the Pacific salmon species, recognized by its silver sides and distinctive pinkish hue during spawning. These fish are anadromous, spending most o...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Fish

**Family:** Salmonidae

**Habitat:** Coastal and freshwater streams, rivers, and the northern Pacific Ocean

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 2 years

**Weight:** 1.1–2.3 kg (2.4–5 lbs)

**Scientific name:** *Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*

### Did you know?

- Pink salmon are so closely tied to their two-year lifecycle that odd- and even-year populations in the same river are genetically distinct.
- Pink salmon are known as 'humpback' salmon because males develop a pronounced hump on their back during spawning. They exhibit strict two-year cycles...

### What I learned

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