

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Rainbow trout

*Oncorhynchus mykiss*

The rainbow trout is a vibrant freshwater fish native to cold-water rivers and lakes in North America, but has been introduced worldwide for sport fishing. Recognized by its iridescent coloring and d...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Fish

**Family:** Salmonidae

**Habitat:** Cold, clear freshwater rivers, streams, and lakes

**Diet:** Omnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 4-6 years

**Weight:** 0.5–2.3 kg (1–5 lbs)

**Scientific name:** *Oncorhynchus mykiss*

### Did you know?

- Rainbow trout can hybridize with other trout species, sometimes producing hybrids known as 'cutbows' when crossed with cutthroat trout.
- Rainbow trout are capable of detecting ultraviolet light, which helps them locate prey in various water conditions. Some populations of rainbow trout...

### What I learned

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