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Rainbow Trout

Oncorhynchus mykiss

Characteristics

- **adipose fin present; no vermiculations on back**
- **small, irregular black spots on back and fins, including caudal fin**
- **pink to red stripe on side**
- **10-12 anal rays**



Ecology and Distribution

- **Introduced sport fish - cold headwaters, creeks, and small to large rivers; lakes**
- **prefers swift current, feeds during the day & not as secretive as the brown trout**
- **intolerant of summer high temperatures & low oxygen; rarely self-sustaining**