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## Common Carp *Cyprinus carpio*

### Characteristics

- heavy bodied minnow, mouth almost horizontal
- 2 barbels on both upper sides of jaw; posterior barbels are the largest
- dorsal fin with one serrated spinous-ray, 5-6 soft rays
- anal fin with one serrated spinous-ray, 16+ soft rays
- no teeth in mouth, teeth on pharyngeal arches in throat
- lateral line with 32-38 scales, except in partly-scaled or scaleless individuals

### Ecology and Distribution

- muddy pools of small to large rivers; lakes and ponds
- most common in manmade lakes and in turbid, sluggish streams containing large amounts of organic matter