

Fishalizer - Major Species of North American Trout

Most species of trout are popular game fish (some to a lesser degree based on availability) and several species have been widely introduced throughout North America. Some species also have food value (these are indicated in green in the table below). Most trout can be angled using live bait or dry flies (see Angle for more details).

Blueback	Features	Long, thin, black pectoral and tail, red lower fins
	Color	Silver-blule
	Location	Several small ponds in Maine
	Spawn	Fall and winter
	Size	6-12"
	Food	Benthic organisms, plankton
	Angle	Deep jigging w/ spinning tackle spoons
Brook	Features	Squared fins, pronounced lower jaw with teeth; very clear pattern of lines and spots (see Color)
	Color	Red spots with blue aureoles on sides, dark, wavy lines back and dorsal; some darker colors in certain waters
	Location	Freshwater from Georgia to Artic, less than 77°
	Spawn	September to December (depending on temperature)
	Size	Varies by location, generally 7-10", 2-3 pounds
	Food	Insects (stoneflies, mayflies, caddisflies, ants, beetles, grasshoppers), crustaceans, mollusks, small fish
	Angle	Live bait, spinning lures, trolling, (sometimes plug-casting); surface to subsurface feeder
Brown	Features	Long with spots and square tail
	Color	Brown, with black and/or red spots
	Location	Native to Europe, but widely introduced to North American waters; streams and other colder waters (53-63.6°)
	Spawn	Fall to early winter, depending on location and temperature
	Size	5-6 pounds
	Food	Aquatic and terrestrial insects, also mollusks, crayfish and small fish
	Angle	Live bait (insects), spinners, spoons; difficult to fly-fish
Cutthroat	Features	Long and thin, rounded fins; small black spots
	Color	Lt. to dark silver with black spots
	Location	Northwestern to Midwestern lakes and streams (often high altitudes), some anadromous migrate to sea water
	Spawn	Winter and spring
	Size	12-15", up to 4 pounds
	Food	Freshwater shrimp, insect larvae
	Angle	Medium weight spinning tackle, use shrimp or dry fly
Golden	Features	Brilliant color, rounded fins, high dorsal.
	Color	Greenish top, yellow bellow with orange stripe and green spots along lateral line, black spots on dorsal and tail
	Location	Northwestern to Midwestern high altitude lakes and streams
	Spawn	Winter and spring
	Size	Lakes up to 11 pounds, streams up to 1 pound
	Food	Small insects, primarily caddisflies and midges
	Angle	Live bait (worms, salmon eggs, grubs). Spoons and spinners
Lake	Features	High dorsal fin and tail, pronounced lower jaw
	Color	Dark brown body with light brown spots
	Location	Deep lakes in Great Lakes region, New England and Canada
	Spawn	September to Decemeber
	Size	Generally up to 40 pounds
	Food	Small fish
	Angle	Fly-casting or bait-casting. Streamer flies, spoons, spinners, plugs. Deep trolling according to temperature with spoons and live bait.

Note: Food value in green.

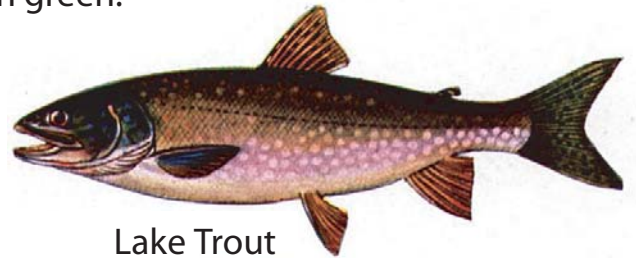
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Rainbow	Features	Long and thin with prominent dorsal and rounded tail
	Color	Light to dark green upper body, white belly, pink stripe along lateral line, black spots
	Location	Lakes and streams in generally all of North America, ranging in waters from 32-70°
	Spawn	January to June based on location and temperature
	Size	Varies from averages of 5-20 pounds based on body of body of water size
	Food	Insects and shrimp (small subspecies); small fish (larger subspecies)
	Angle	Standard: Fly casting or spinning; live baits according to location; fish in swifts and ripples Steelhead: Use heavier gear w/ 15-18 pound test; cover close ripples in three casts at a time
Sea	Features	Long and thin, protruding lower jaw, rounded fins
	Color	Orange – darker on upper body and head, lighter on belly; black spots and fins
	Location	Upper rivers of the US and in Canada, some migration to salt water
	Spawn	Fall
	Size	15-19", 1-3 pounds
	Food	Small fish and crustaceans
	Angle	Fly rod, generally hit better at night (reported to put up a good fight)
Spotted seatrout	Features	Long and thin with pointed snout, a high and a long dorsal fin, slightly rounded tail
	Color	Light to dark silver, generally darker on upper body with black spots (also known as Speckled Trout)
	Location	Inshore salt waters from New York to Florida and Gulf of Mexico
	Spawn	March to November depending on location and temperature
	Size	Average 4 pounds
	Food	Shrimp preferred, also mullet (feed on shrimp exclusively when abundant)
	Angle	Splash pole – Long cane pole rigged with a bobber, line and hook, baited w/ shrimp, pinfish, mullet, needlefish
Sunapee	Features	Very long and thin, hooked lower jaw (male), prominent dorsal fin
	Color	Dark green on upper body, pink under belly, usually with white spots
	Location	Lakes in upper North America
	Spawn	Late October to Late November
	Size	Approximately 12"
	Food	Small fish
	Angle	Deepwater trawling, hand-lining in deep water with cut bait (overall difficult to catch)

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Brown Trout



Lake Trout



Rainbow Trout

Golden Trout



Brook Trout