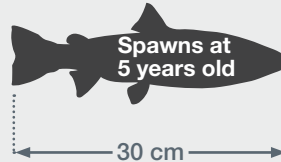


# GOLDFISH

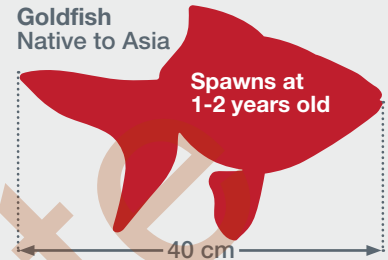
(CARASSIUS AURATUS)



Bull Trout  
Native to Alberta



Goldfish  
Native to Asia



**50+ LOCATIONS**  
across Alberta where goldfish  
have been **illegally dumped**

**45,000**

Number of goldfish removed  
in 2017 from storm water  
ponds in St. Albert

## Goldfish in the wild:

- ↑ increase water cloudiness, blocking light
- ↑ increase the growth rate of blue-green algae
- ↓ reduce native plants that produce oxygen
- ☠ carry exotic diseases and parasites

Average number of eggs  
laid by a single female  
in a spawning period

**500-1000**



## What to do with unwanted goldfish?

- Donate to a friend or school
- Return them to the pet store



Don't flush your fish!  
Goldfish carry diseases  
that could harm native fish  
**Bury them instead**



**DON'T  
LET IT  
LOOSE**

Help us protect Alberta's  
waters by never releasing  
aquarium water, plants and  
animals into the environment.

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