

Fish Stocking Report 2024

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Recreational fish stocking is managed by Environment and Protected Areas.

The recreational stocking program supplies over 240 lakes with approximately 2.1 million hatchery-reared trout to provide additional recreational angling opportunities and reduce angling pressure on natural fish populations. In 2021, the walleye stocking program recommenced. Walleye are stocked at a very small size due to their voracious nature in the fish hatchery. Walleye won't reach a catchable size until four or five years after stocking, whereas stocked trout can be angled upon release from the hatchery.

Species Stocked

Fish species stocked into waterbodies may not look like the photos below – variation in color based on individual fish, the time of year and diet is common. Use the key characteristics to identify your catch, and if you don't know, let it go!

Brook Trout (BKTR)



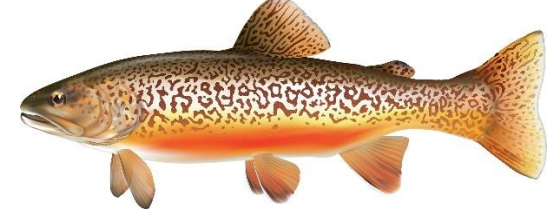
Lower fins have a black stripe behind a pale leading edge, light colored spots on the body, black markings on dorsal fin, a slightly forked tail.

Brown Trout (BNTR)



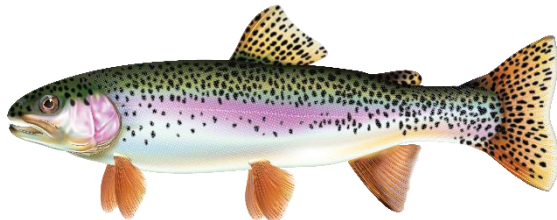
Large black spots on back and body, red spots (some with pale halos) on the sides.

Tiger Trout (TGTR)



Vermiculation (worm-like markings) on body and dorsal fin. Lower fins have a pale leading edge. Markings may appear brownish or greenish depending on location.

Rainbow Trout (RNTR)



Black spotting over the length of the body, pink/red stripe along lateral line from gills to tail.

Cutthroat Trout (CTTR)



Black spots (without halos) on sides that are more concentrated on the back and tail, red/orange streak under the jaw, slightly forked tail.

Walleye (WALL)



Large eyes, two distinct fins present on back (first featuring large spines), dusky vertical bars on body with a yellow-olive back and white underside. Walleye usually have a distinctive white tip on the lower lobe of the tail.

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Strain

There are many different “strains” or genetically different variations of fish each with their own set of characteristics. These characteristics may cause a strain to grow better, be easier to catch, or have a higher survival rate in stocked waterbodies. These strains can be compared to determine which strain performs better in the hatchery or stocked waterbody to deliver the highest-quality recreational fishery possible.

Genotype (Ploidy)

Sterile trout are raised and stocked in many parts of Alberta to reduce potential impacts to native trout populations. These sterile trout have a third copy of genetic material in their cells, through a process known as triploiding. Sterile stocked trout will not spawn with wild trout populations nor deplete the genetic diversity of native species. Triploid fish are sterile and do not develop sexual organs. Because they do not put their energy into spawning, they can grow to be larger sooner, making them an ideal candidate for stocking into a trout pond for harvest.

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Waterbody Official Name	Waterbody Common Name	ATS	Species	Strain*	Genotype**	Average Length (cm)	Number Stocked	Stocking Date
Captain Eyre Lake	Capt Ayre	NW30-38-5-W4	RNTR	Campbell Lake	2N	20.0	2,000	17-Apr-24
Captain Eyre Lake	Capt Ayre	NW30-38-5-W4	TGTR	Beitty/Bow River	3N	19.1	2,000	17-Apr-24
Lees Lake		SW8-7-2-W5	RNTR	Trout Lodge/Jumpers	AF3N	20.0	10,000	11-Apr-24
Lees Lake		SW8-7-2-W5	BNTR	Bow River	3N	19.5	1,000	11-Apr-24
Payne Lake	Mami Lake	NE10-2-28-W4	RNTR	Trout Lodge/Jumpers	AF3N	19.8	15,000	11-Apr-24
Unnamed	Bashaw Pond	SE4-42-21-W4	RNTR	Trout Lodge/Jumpers	AF3N	20.9	500	18-Apr-24
Unnamed	Bashaw Pond	SE4-42-21-W4	BKTR	Beitty Resort	3N	19.1	200	18-Apr-24
Unnamed	Black Nugget Mine Pit	NW11-49-18-W4	RNTR	Campbell Lake	2N	20.1	5,000	18-Apr-24
Unnamed	Black Nugget Mine Pit	NW11-49-18-W4	TGTR	Beitty/Bow River	3N	20.1	4,000	18-Apr-24
Unnamed	Black Nugget Mine Pit	NW11-49-18-W4	RNTR	Riverence	AF2N	7.7	10,000	18-Apr-24
Unnamed	Brooks Aquaduct Pond	NE15-18-14-W4	RNTR	Campbell Lake	2N	20.4	4,000	15-Apr-24
Unnamed	Brooks Aquaduct Pond	NE15-18-14-W4	RNTR	Riverence	AF2N	7.4	10,000	15-Apr-24
Unnamed	Corner Lake	NW4-6-20-W4	RNTR	Trout Lodge/Jumpers	AF3N	20.0	2,500	10-Apr-24

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Unnamed	Coronation Reservoir	SW24-36-11-W4	RNTR	Campbell Lake	2N	19.9	2,120	17-Apr-24
Unnamed	Coronation Reservoir	SW24-36-11-W4	BNTR	Bow River	3N	20.7	1,000	17-Apr-24
Unnamed	Coronation Reservoir	SW24-36-11-W4	TGTR	Beitty/Bow River	3N	18.6	1,000	17-Apr-24
Unnamed	Daysland Pond	NE9-45-16-W4	RNTR	Trout Lodge/Jumpers	AF3N	21.3	400	18-Apr-24
Unnamed	Diplomat Mine Pond	NW1-41-16-W4	RNTR	Campbell Lake	2N	20.3	2,000	18-Apr-24
Unnamed	Diplomat Mine Pond	NW1-41-16-W4	TGTR	Beitty/Bow River	3N	19.3	1,500	18-Apr-24
Unnamed	Enchant Pond	NW8-14-18-W4	TGTR	Beitty/Bow River	3N	20.0	200	10-Apr-24
Unnamed	Hiller's Reservoir	SE13-32-29-W4	RNTR	Campbell Lake	2N	20.0	3,000	19-Apr-24
Unnamed	Huber Reservoir	SW36-37-13-W4	TGTR	Beitty/Bow River	3N	19.0	1,250	17-Apr-24
Unnamed	Huber Reservoir	SW36-37-13-W4	RNTR	Riverence	AF2N	7.6	5,000	17-Apr-24
Unnamed	Huber Reservoir	SW36-37-13-W4	RNTR	Campbell Lake	2N	20.0	2,400	17-Apr-24
Unnamed	Kerbe's Pond	NE19-36-20-W4	RNTR	Trout Lodge/Jumpers	AF3N	20.7	500	17-Apr-24
Unnamed	Kerbe's Pond	NE19-36-20-W4	TGTR	Beitty/Bow River	3N	19.5	1,000	17-Apr-24
Unnamed	Kerbe's Pond	NE19-36-20-W4	BNTR	Bow River	3N	20.7	250	17-Apr-24
Unnamed	McQuillan Reservoir	SW13-8-19-W4	RNTR	Trout Lodge/Jumpers	AF3N	19.9	1,900	10-Apr-24
Unnamed	McVinnie Reservoir	SW33-12-21-W4	RNTR	Trout Lodge/Jumpers	AF3N	20.0	1,155	10-Apr-24
Unnamed	McVinnie Reservoir	SW33-12-21-W4	TGTR	Beitty/Bow River	3N	20.0	400	10-Apr-24
Unnamed	Nicholas Sheran Park Pond	SE26-8-22-W4	RNTR	Riverence	AF3N	22.5	1,000	10-Apr-24
Unnamed	Nicholas Sheran Park Pond	SE26-8-22-W4	BKTR	Beitty Resort	3N	19.7	1,000	10-Apr-24
Unnamed	Nicholas Sheran Park Pond	SE26-8-22-W4	BNTR	Bow River	3N	18.5	1,000	10-Apr-24
Unnamed	Nicholas Sheran Park Pond	SE26-8-22-W4	BNTR	Bow River	2N	38.0	268	11-Apr-24
Unnamed	Pine Coulee Reservoir	NE15-14-28-W4	RNTR	Trout Lodge/Jumpers	AF3N	20.4	3,750	15-Apr-24

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Unnamed	Riverstone Pond	SW24-8-22-W4	RNTR	Riverence	AF3N	22.2	919	10-Apr-24
Unnamed	Severn Creek Reservoir	NW12-26-22-W4	RNTR	Trout Lodge/Jumpers	AF3N	20.2	3,360	15-Apr-24
Unnamed	Spring Coulee Park Pond	NE12-5-24-W4	RNTR	Trout Lodge/Jumpers	AF3N	20.4	1,250	15-Apr-24
Unnamed	Vegreville Trout Pond	SW7-52-14-W4	RNTR	Campbell Lake	2N	20.0	4,000	19-Apr-24
Unnamed	Vegreville Trout Pond	SW7-52-14-W4	RNTR	Riverence	AF2N	7.7	10,000	19-Apr-24
Total Trout Stocked		117,822	Lakes Stocked to Date 23					

***Strain** BEBE = Beitty x Beitty, BRBE = Bow River x Beitty, CLCL = Campbell Lake, JLJL = Job Lake, LYLY = Lyndon, PLPL = Pit Lakes, TLTLJ = Trout Lodge / Jumpers, TLTLK = Trout Lodge / Kamloops, TLTLS = Trout Lodge / Silvers, MCSW - Marie Creek, RIL = Rock Island ACAC = Westslope Cutthroat, RVRV = Riverence

Gentotype: **2N – diploid, **3N** – triploid, **AF2N** - all-female diploid, **AF3N** – all-female triploid

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