



INVASIVE FISH SPECIES IN ONTARIO

They Threaten Our Waters. We All Play a Role.

Invasive fish disrupt ecosystems, outcompete native species, and cause millions in damage. Learn to identify them, and help protect Ontario's lakes and rivers.



SEA LAMPREY



- Parasitic, jawless fish attaches to other fish.
- Feeds on blood and body fluids of host fish.
- Threatens native fish populations.

ROUND GOBY



- Aggressive bottom-dweller from the Black Sea.
- Outcompetes native fish for food and habitat.
- Spreads quickly and reproduces often.

TUBENOSE GOBY



- Small goby with a suction-cup belly.
- Competes with native species for resources.
- Can impact young fish and invertebrates.

EURASIAN RUFFE



- Spiny invader from Eurasia.
- Competes with native fish for food and habitat.
- Produces large numbers of eggs.

RUDD



- Introduced from Europe and Asia.
- Competes with native fish and eats fish eggs.
- Can reduce water quality by stirring up sediment.

INVASIVE CARPS

BIGHEAD, SILVER, GRASS & BLACK CARP



- Escapees from aquaculture and accidental releases.
- Disrupt food chains and damage habitats.
- Threaten native species and water quality.

WHAT YOU CAN DO



LEARN TO IDENTIFY



DON'T RELEASE THEM



DISPOSE OF BAIT PROPERLY



REPORT SIGHTINGS

HELP PROTECT ONTARIO'S WATERS

Never move fish or aquatic species from one waterbody to another. Together, we can keep Ontario's waters healthy for future generations.



IF YOU CATCH AN INVASIVE SPECIES, DO NOT RETURN IT TO THE WATER.

Check local regulations and consult the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources for disposal guidance.

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