

Fish Stocking Report

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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 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)



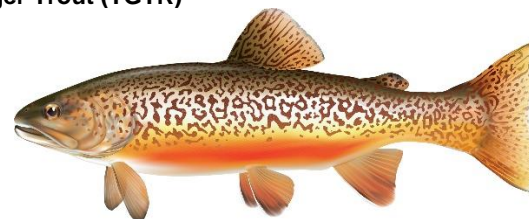
Lower fins have a black stripe behind a pale leading edge, light colored spots on the body, black markings on dorsal fin, a slightly forked tail.

Brown Trout (BNTR)



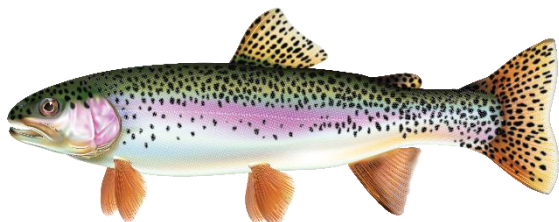
Large black spots on back and body, red spots (some with pale halos) on the sides.

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)



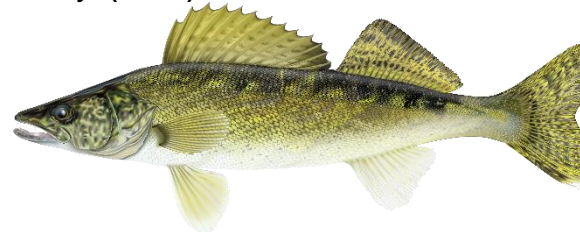
Black spotting over the length of the body, pink/red stripe along lateral line from gills to tail.

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
Unnamed	Corner Lake	NW4-6-20-W4	RNTR	Trout Lodge/Jumpers	AF3N	20.4	5,000	10-Apr-25
Unnamed	McVinnie Reservoir	SW33-12-21-W4	TGTR	Beitty/Bow River	3N	19.9	400	11-Apr-25
Unnamed	Nicholas Sheran Park Pond	SE26-8-22-W4	BKTR	Beitty Resort	2N	40.1	250	27-Mar-25
Unnamed	Nicholas Sheran Park Pond	SE26-8-22-W4	BKTR	Beitty Resort	2N	40.1	250	1-Apr-25
Unnamed	Nicholas Sheran Park Pond	SE26-8-22-W4	BNTR	Bow River	3N	18	2,000	11-Apr-25
Unnamed	Nicholas Sheran Park Pond	SE26-8-22-W4	RNTR	Riverence	AF3N	23.1	2,000	11-Apr-25
Unnamed	Nicholas Sheran Park Pond	SE26-8-22-W4	BKTR	Beitty Resort	3N	19.5	2,000	11-Apr-25
Unnamed	Riverstone Pond	SW24-8-22-W4	RNTR	Riverence	AF3N	23.3	1,830	10-Apr-25
Total Trout Stocked		13,730	Lakes Stocked to Date 4					

Strain** BEBE = Beitty x Beitty, BRBE = Bow River x Beitty, CLCL = Campbell Lake, JLJL = Job Lake, LYL = Lyndon, PLPL = Pit Lakes, TLTLJ = Trout Lodge / Jumpers, TLTLK = Trout Lodge / Kamloops, TLTLS = Trout Lodge / Silvers, RVRV = Riverence MCSW - Marie Creek, RIL = Rock Island, WALL = Lac Ste Anne, Marie Creek, Rock Island *Gentotype**: **2N** – diploid, **3N** – triploid, **AF2N** - all-female diploid, **AF3N** – all-female triploid

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