

Hey kids! Be in the wild

Brook Trout

A very tasty cannibal



Age

- Rarely lives more than five years.

Size

- The young fish is only 10 centimetres long at the end of its first season.
- Usually grow to be 30-40 centimetres long.
- If it moves to salt water, it grows bigger and becomes a 'sea trout'.

What it looks like

- Its back is olive green to dark brown "with worm-like lines".
- Its sides are lighter with coloured spots.
- Its belly is "usually light-coloured".

Interesting facts

- Nearly a million are caught each year!

Where it lives

- Likes cool clear water with lots of oxygen.
- Found in most New Brunswick waters. (It is estimated that brook trout live in 1 700 lakes and more than 25 000 kilometres of stream.)

How it raises its young

- In autumn, the mother trout uses her tail to dig a shallow nest (called a 'redd'). She covers the eggs with gravel.
- The eggs do not hatch until spring.

Who eats whom?

- Like most other fish, the adult likes to eat young trout in the spring – and trout eggs in the fall.
- It eats many kinds of food. Larger trout will even eat shrews and voles.
- We like to eat it!