

Hey kids! Be in the wild

Yellow Perch

It likes to eat lots!



Age

- Lives as long as 12 years.

Size

- Grows to be 30 centimetres long.

What it looks like

- Has a dark back, yellow sides with dark vertical bars, and yellow eyes.

Interesting facts

- Outnumbers most other fish in the lake.
- Eats in the morning and evening.
- Rests near the lake or stream bottom at night.
- In New Brunswick, few people fish for them

Where it lives

- Likes to live in clear weedy lakes.
- Enjoys warm summer waters... but is somewhat active in winter too.
- Found in at least 110 lakes and a few streams throughout New Brunswick.
- Most abundant in the southwestern region.

How it raises its young

- The mother fish lays about 23 000 eggs each spring.
- Parents do not take care of their young. The eggs are tossed ashore by storms... and eaten by other fish... yet thousands of them hatch and grow.
- When it hatches, the baby perch is only 5 millimetres long. It is also transparent.
- Grows quickly and stays near shore its first summer.
- The young swim in large schools, often with other kinds of fish.

Who eats whom?

- Most people don't like to eat it.