

Identifying Trout and Salmon

Inland Trout

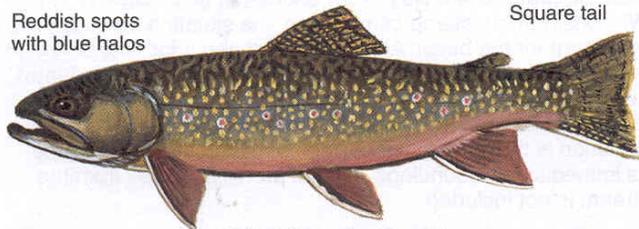
Great Lakes Trout

Brook Trout

Irregular wormlike markings on back and dorsal fin

Reddish spots with blue halos

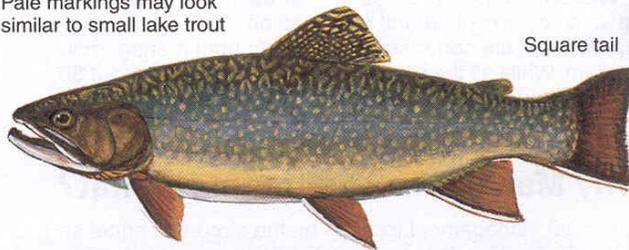
Square tail



Pinkish fins edged in white

Pale markings may look similar to small lake trout

Square tail



Brown Trout

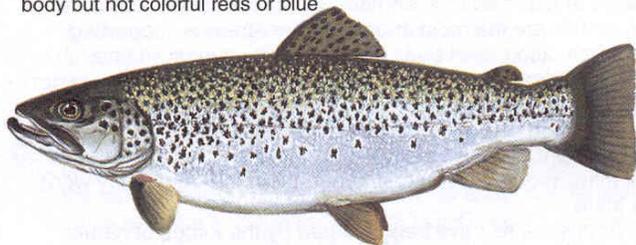
Large black, blue or red spots on body

Square tail with few spots



10 - 12 anal rays

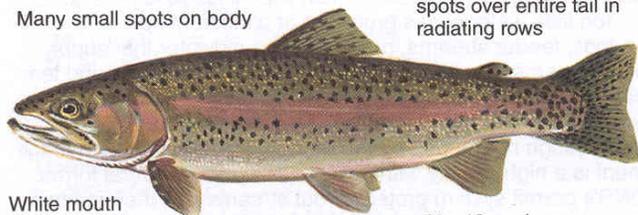
Very silvery in summer. Dark spots on body but not colorful reds or blue



Rainbow Trout

Many small spots on body

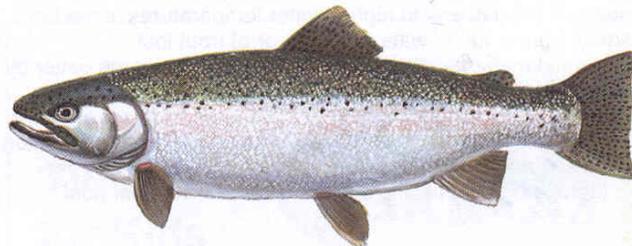
Square tail with many spots over entire tail in radiating rows



White mouth and gums

10 - 12 anal rays

Spots all over tail remain, but rest of body is silver.

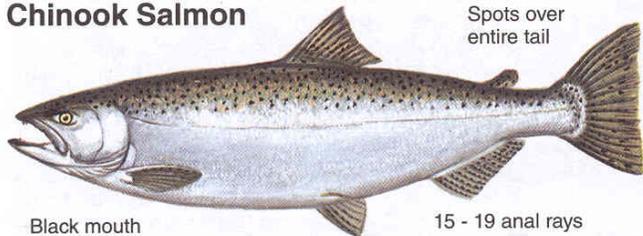


White mouth identifies rainbow (steelhead) from the salmon.

Great Lakes Salmon and Lake Trout

Chinook Salmon

Spots over entire tail

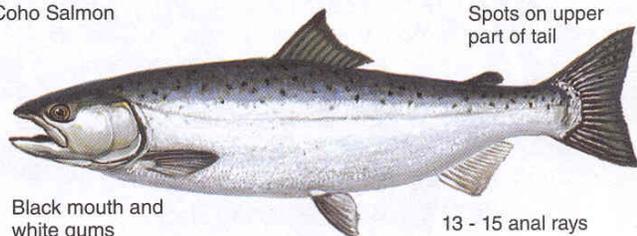


Black mouth and gums

15 - 19 anal rays

Coho Salmon

Spots on upper part of tail



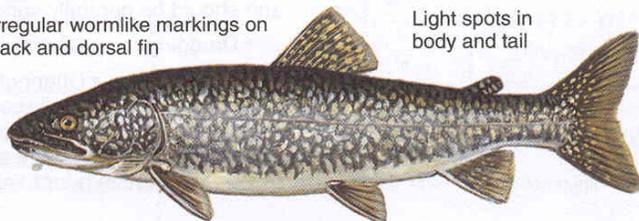
Black mouth and white gums

13 - 15 anal rays

Lake Trout

Irregular wormlike markings on back and dorsal fin

Light spots in body and tail



Deeply forked tail