

# Fish Identification—Native

Each individual angler must be able to correctly identify various fish species and comply with appropriate rules and regulations.

**ALL NATIVE FISH ARE CATCH-AND-RELEASE ONLY**

## Cutthroat Trout—CT



Widely distributed in many drainages.



dark spots on light background

few spots on head

only species with red jaw slash

### Cutthroat trout subspecies

Two subspecies of cutthroat trout are found in Yellowstone: the west-slope cutthroat and the Yellowstone cutthroat (which has both large- and finespotted varieties). All fish with a red slash are considered cutthroat (or cutthroat/rainbow hybrids).

**If it has a red slash, put it back.**



Westslope cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarkii lewisii*).



Yellowstone cutthroat trout (large-spotted form; *Oncorhynchus clarkii bouvieri*).