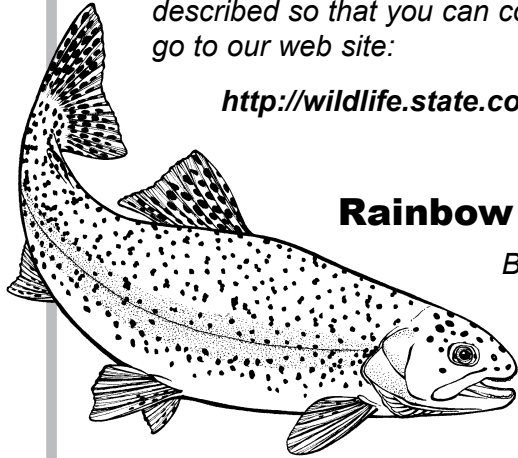


# Color Your Own Trout Identification Guide

Colorado has many kinds of trout. Some species have always lived here. They are native. Others were brought to the state for sport fishing. Each fish species is described so that you can color it. For more hints, go to our web site:

<http://wildlife.state.co.us/Fishing/SpeciesID/>



## Rainbow Trout

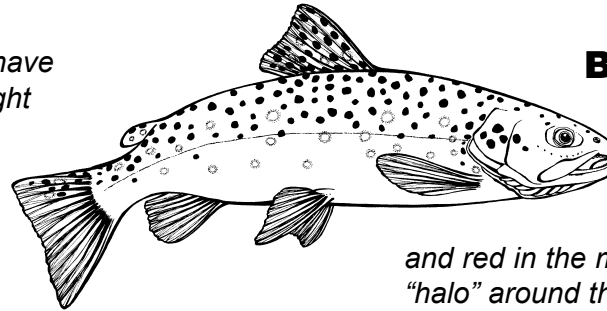
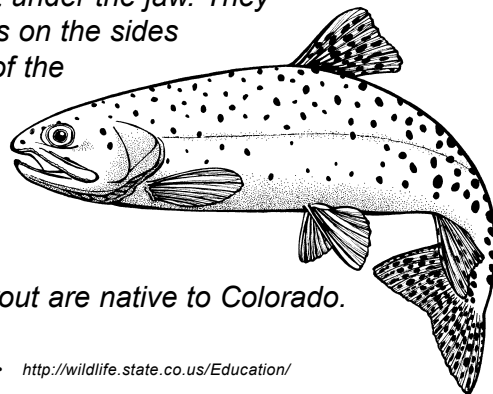
Black spots cover the fish, except for the tips of the fins. The cheeks are pink and there is a pink "rainbow" along the side of the fish from the head to the tail fin.

**Fun Fact:** Rainbow trout are the trout most often caught in Colorado.

## Cutthroat Trout

The most noticeable parts of these fish are their bright red gill covers and cheeks and two blood-red stripes on each side of the throat under the jaw. They have dark, round spots on the sides and tail. The top part of the fish is greenish. The middle part of the fish is yellowish. The belly of the fish can be bright red.

**Fun Fact:** Cutthroat trout are native to Colorado.



## Brown Trout

Brown trout are olive-colored. They are darker on top and have light bellies. The spots are black on top and red in the middle. The spots have a white "halo" around them.

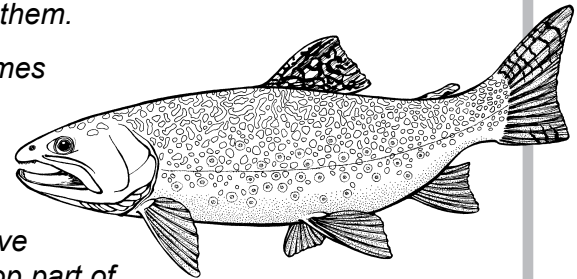
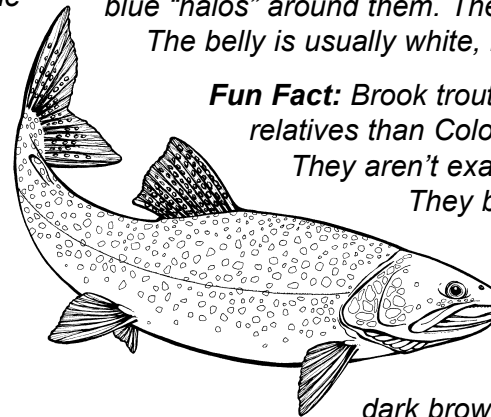
**Fun Fact:** Brown trout sometimes eat frogs and mice.

## Brook Trout

The back and sides are olive with a red or yellow tint. The top part of the fish has light spots. There are red spots on the sides with blue "halos" around them. The top fin has black lines all over it. The belly is usually white, but can be red in adult males.

**Fun Fact:** Brook trout and lake trout are closer relatives than Colorado's other species of trout.

They aren't exactly in the "trout" group at all! They belong to a group of cold-water fish called **char**.



## Lake Trout

Lake trout are dark brown and might have yellow or white bellies. The spots on lake trout are white.

**Fun Fact:** Lake trout are the largest trout in North America.

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