

# Common Nevada Fish Identification

## CUTTHROAT TROUT



- Color is variable. Back may be from steel gray to olive green with black spots. May exhibit red or orange coloring along sides and gill cover.
- Scattered spots are usually round and black, more closely grouped toward the tail.
- Red or orange slash marks on the throat.
- Fins uniform color with no white tips.
- Teeth on back of tongue.

## BROWN TROUT



- Back brown or olive with large black spots.
- Sides light brown to yellowish, with numerous black and red-orange spots surrounded by light blue rings.
- Tail is square, not forked, with few if any spots.

## RAINBOW TROUT



- Silvery sides with pinkish stripe on sides and pink patch on gill cover.
- Dark, irregular spots on back and sides, above and below lateral line.
- The back is bluish to greenish.
- The tail has radiating rows of black spots.
- No teeth on tongue.

## CUTTBOW TROUT (HYBRID)



- Produced by crossing a rainbow trout with a cutthroat trout.
- May display rainbow or cutthroat characteristics
- Usually can be distinguished by red or orange slash marks on throat (see above).
- May have a patch of teeth at the base of the tongue (can be felt with your finger).

## BROOK TROUT



- Light spots on dark background.
- Brownish to greenish back with wormlike marks.
- Sides have pale spots and some small red spots with blue halos.
- The most distinguishing marks are the white and then black strip along the fore edge of the lower fins.
- Spawning males are more brightly colored (as seen above).