

Hey kids! Be in the wild

White Perch

A cousin to the striped bass



Age

- Can live to be 17 years old. (Most live only six years.)

Size

- Most of our white perch are small. (15-30 centimetres) But – in other waters – they can grow to bigger.

What it looks like

- Its back is grey-green or black – But its belly is silver white.
- The fins on its belly can be rose in colour.
- Has many small sharp teeth and large scales.

Interesting facts

- Oddly enough, it is not a true perch.

Where it lives

- Likes warmer water than trout... but cooler water than yellow perch.
- Lives mainly in southwestern New Brunswick.

How it raises its young

- Each spring, the mother fish can lay almost a quarter of a million eggs!
- These eggs are scattered in shallow water. They stick like glue to the plants and rocks.
- Neither the mother nor father takes care of its young. In fact, they consider them a tasty snack.
- The eggs hatch in five days.
- The newborn fish is almost invisible. But it grows rapidly.

Who eats whom?

- It eats a variety of insects and fish.
- A very tasty fish!