

Hey kids! Be in the wild

Pumpkinseed

Gold, broad and flat like the seed from a pumpkin



Age

- Lives as long as 8 to 10 years

Size

- Grows to be 15-25 centimetres long.

What it looks like

- Has blue-green lines on a golden brown background.
- Its belly is bronze to red-orange.

Interesting facts

- One of our most colourful fish.

Where it lives

- Lives in slow-moving water and protected coves.
- Likes murky or sandy habitat with lots of water plants.
- Lives mainly in southwestern New Brunswick.

How it raises its young

- The female lays its eggs in spring and early summer.
- The male fish builds the nest. It uses its fins to fan the bottom. This clears away material that might smother the eggs.
- The male may stay in the nest for three or more weeks guarding the eggs and young fish.

Who eats whom?

- Eats worms, water insects, snails, small fish and fish eggs.
- Fights hard when hooked – and tastes delicious.