

Pumpkinseed, *Lepomis gibbosus*



Size	Usually 10-15cm, rarely > 22cm
Distribution	Native to freshwaters in N. America, now established populations in rivers and lakes in southern England
Key I.D. features	Single dorsal fin, divided into 2 parts; fore part has numerous spines, more rounded towards the tail. Distinctive spot on edge of gill cover. The species has very distinct colouration and cannot be mistaken for any native fish species.

Potential Impacts On Native Fisheries

Competition	✓ Spawning habitat and food
Habitat destruction	
Disease transmission	✓ Can host non-native parasites
Predation	✓ Adults will eat small fish
Natural Balance	✓ Large populations may displace native fish species
Fishery performance	✓ Regarded as a pest to anglers

If you discover a fish matching this description, please contact Gareth Davies at gareth.d.davies@environment-agency.gov.uk