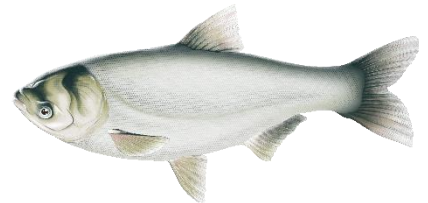


Invasive Carps ID

There are **four species** of Invasive carps that are invasive to North America: Silver Carp, Bighead Carp, Black Carp and Grass Carp. Although Invasive carps are not established in Canadian waters, please be on the look-out for them! All four species have a **short dorsal fin and no barbels** (whisker-like appendages at the corners of their mouths).

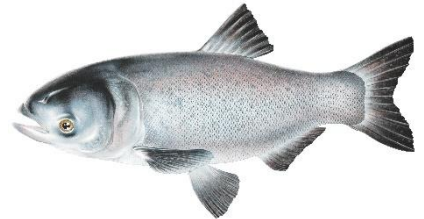
Silver Carp:

- Deep-bodied, wide fish with an upturned lower jaw
- Large, broad scaleless head (about 1/3 of body size) with a toothless mouth located in the middle of the head pointing forward
- Eyes sit below the centre line of their bodies



Bighead Carp:

- Deep-bodied, wide fish
- Large, scaleless head with a toothless mouth located in the middle of the head pointing forward
- Eyes sit below the centre line of their bodies



Black Carp:

- Long, narrow body with a blunt, scaleless head
- Small toothless mouth located in the middle of the head pointing forward with a pointed snout
- Large scales on body with a cross-hatched appearance



Grass Carp:

- Slender, oblong shaped body with a rounded belly
- Wide, scaleless head with a toothless mouth
- Mouth located in the middle of the head pointing forward with a very short snout
- Large scales on body with a cross-hatched appearance

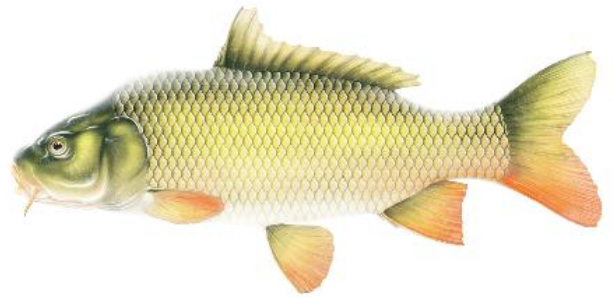


Lookalike

Common Carp

Although they are also invasive, Common Carp arrived in North America over 100 years ago and have since established in some regions of Ontario.

- Deep-bodied and vary in colour from silver to olive-green with brass or grey on the back and sides. The belly is yellowish, and lower fins are reddish orange.
- Two identifying features that Common Carp have and that differentiates them from Grass Carp (a species it is commonly confused with) are the presence of whisker-like appendages called barbels near the corners of its mouth and a long dorsal fin that runs down the back half of their body.



What can you do?

- Learn to ID Invasive carps and their common look-alike species, like Common Carp
- If you believe you've seen an Invasive carp or another invasive species, please contact the toll-free Invading Species Hotline at 1-800-563-7711, or visit www.EDDMapS.org to report a sighting.
- Never buy or keep live Invasive carps
- Do not introduce live fish into Ontario lakes or rivers.
- If you have any information about the illegal importing, distribution, or sale of live Invasive carps, report it immediately to the Ministry of Natural Resources TIPS line at 1-877-847-7667.
- Visit <https://invasivecarp.ca/> for resources and information



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