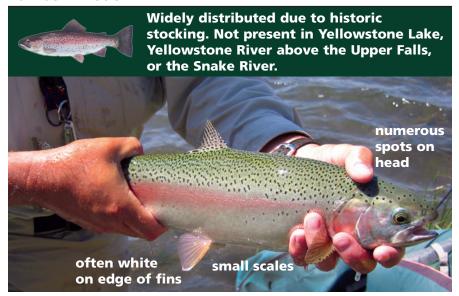
Fish Identification—Nonnative

Rainbow Trout—RT



Hybridized (genetically impure) cutthroat trout

In waters where rainbow trout have been introduced, there has been a serious degradation of the cutthroat trout population through interbreeding of the two species. Cutthroat/rainbow trout hybrids exist throughout the Bechler, Falls, Gallatin, Gardner, and Lamar rivers, and the Yellowstone River below the Upper Falls.

Cutthroat/rainbow trout hybrids have color and markings consistent with both species, making identification

white tips on fins

difficult. However, rainbows and hybrids will have white tips on the anal and paired pelvic fins.

Trout that have any indication of a red/orange jaw slash are fully protected by catch-and-release regulations—except in the Lamar River drainage and the Yellowstone River and northern tributaries between Lower Falls and Knowles Falls.

If you don't know, let it go.

