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Tinca tinca



Common throughout the Derwent River system, South Esk and Macquarie Rivers and also the midlands.

Description: A moderately thick bodied fish that has small scales and a single pair of barbels at the corner of the mouth.

Colour: It is usually dark olive-green on the back with a golden hue on the sides.

Size: Commonly reaches 300 mm in length. Fish over 3 kg have been caught in Tasmania.

Habitat: Solely freshwater, found in lakes at a variety of altitudes and slow sections of rivers.

Diet: Eats algae and small aquatic invertebrates.

Life Cycle: Adults form large schools to breed during Spring and Summer in shallow areas.

Distribution status: Introduced 1870s.

Original range: Native to Europe and parts of Asia.

Reasons for change to distribution: Illegally moved and stocked.

Legal status: Angling/pest.

Can it be taken? An IFS Recreational Angling licence is needed to take tench from inland waters. Anglers are encouraged not to release tench back into the water.

Other names: N/A.



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