

Fact Sheet 1

FISH VARIETIES

GOLDFISH

Standard pond fish of varying colours from red through to orange, yellow and white. They are easy to keep and most likely to breed in the average garden pond.

SHUBUNKINS

Multi-coloured fish combining black, blue and red markings. They are similar to Goldfish in their behaviour and requirements.

SARASA

A striking dark red and white coloured fish. A very popular addition to any pond, especially in its comet-tail form.

COMETS

Comet-tailed fish can be any of the above varieties, with their long flowing tail and body fins. Not to be confused with Fantails, which are shorter and fatter.

BLUE & GOLDEN ORFE

Best suited to large ponds with good water movement and aeration. Very lively surface feeders that shoal to good effect. The Blue Orfe varieties are a rarer colour variation and are not readily available.

SILVER & GOLDEN RUDD

Silver Rudd is the native form. The Golden Rudd is bronze in colour with bright red fins. Both are very hardy. They are similar to Orfe in behaviour but not as demanding of higher oxygen levels. Once they have settled into the pond, they become prolific breeders.

GREEN & GOLDEN TENCH

Often known as the 'scavengers' of the pond. They spend a lot of time at the bottom of ponds but in time will surface to feed with other fish. (Please note these fish do not keep your pond clean). Only food that sinks to the bottom of the pond will be consumed. The golden form is easier to see.

GHOST KOI

Very tough, fast growing fish with attractive bright markings, predominantly available in silver and bronze. Beware of the damage these fish can cause to plants.

KOI CARP

For some people these are the only fish to have. They grow rapidly and can, when fully grown, reach 24" in length. There is a vast range of colours and varieties. In large numbers, they are best kept in a specialised deep, well-oxygenated and filtered pond. Protect your submerged plants when choosing these fish.

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