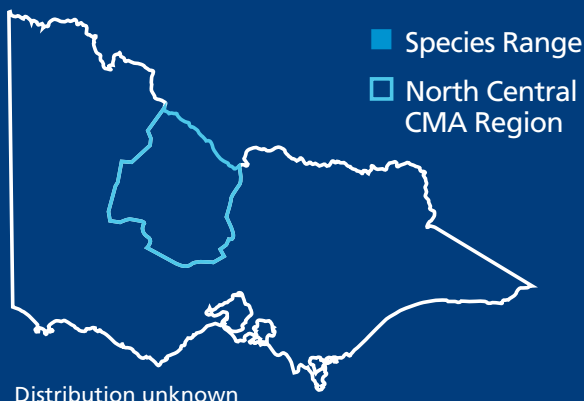


# Spotted Galaxias (*Galaxias truttaceus*)

Tail fin shape



**Family:** Galaxiidae

**Other common names:** Spotted Mountain Trout, Spotted Minnow, Trout Minnow

**Description:** The Spotted Galaxias is a small fish with a stout body, long head and a large mouth reaching back to below the front of the eyes. The back is brownish to deep olive, becoming brownish-grey on the sides, while the belly is silvery. Large round purplish spots, which have a lighter coloured halo around them, exist on the sides and upper back. The adult can grow to 120-140 mm (maximum size is about 200 mm).

**Fins:** The dorsal, pectoral, pelvic and pelvic fins are present. The tail is slightly forked.

**Habitat:** Commonly found in lowland coastal habitats. Can be found in lakes and still or slow flowing rivers and streams. Habitats favoured by the species include logs, boulders and bank overhangs on the edges of pools.

**Conservation status & distribution:** An introduced population is thought to exist in the upper reaches of the Campaspe and Loddon River. This species in its natural range is found in coastal streams of Victoria, Tasmania and southwest Western Australia. A recent record of a single whitebait of this species was found in the lower Murray River, near Wentworth.

**Breeding:** Individuals in coastal populations migrate upstream to tributaries. Breeding occurs from autumn to winter, while land-locked (inland) populations breed in spring.

**Eggs:** 1,000 to 16,000 small eggs (1.0 to 1.3 mm in diameter) are deposited on aquatic vegetation, and take up to four weeks to hatch.

**Diet:** Adults eat aquatic insect larvae and terrestrial insects that land or fall onto the water surface.

**Threats:** Threats include predation and displacement by introduced species such as Brown Trout, habitat loss through deforestation, and in-stream barriers.

**Interesting facts and features:** None known

**This fish has been translocated into the North Central CMA region.**



**Spawning time**

Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr

May

Jun

Jul

Aug

Sep

Oct

Nov

Dec

The North Central Catchment Management Authority acknowledges Aboriginal Traditional Owners within the region, their rich culture and spiritual connection to Country. We also recognise and acknowledge the contribution and interest of Aboriginal people and organisations in land and natural resource management.

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