

Life Stages & Helpful Hatchery Terms to Know

1. Egg

A mature female can produce up to 3,000 eggs.

2. Sac Fry

Newly hatched fish that have their yolk sac still attached. The yolk sac is a source of nutrition for baby trout.

3. Swim-up Fry

Fish that have absorbed the yolk sac and “swim up” in search of food.

4. Fingerling

A fish that is 2–3 inches in length.

5. Subcatchable

A fish that is 3–5 inches in length.

6. Catchable

A fish that is 8–12 inches in length.



Kokanee Salmon Eggs



Swim-up Fry

For More Information

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

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Durango State Fish Hatchery

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Colorado Parks and Wildlife Wildlife Museum

151 E. 16th Street
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Open daily May 15th — September 15

San Juan National Forest Service

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Durango, CO 81301
(970) 247-4874 • www.fs.usda.gov/sanjuan

101 Places to Take a Kid Fishing

<http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/Pages/Fish101Places.aspx>

How Can I Contribute?

With the purchase of your fishing license, you are contributing to your state's fisheries and recreational opportunities. *Thank You!*

To ensure the safety and health of the both fish and visitors, please follow all rules while visiting all state fish hatcheries



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Durango State Fish Hatchery & Wildlife Museum



16 STATE HATCHERIES TO VISIT



- Self-guided tours
- Feed the fish – 25¢
- Large-Trout Show Pond
- Hatchery Hours
8 a.m.–4 p.m. daily
- Wildlife Museum Hours
May 15–Sept. 15
Mon.–Sat. 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Sun. 11 a.m.–3 p.m.



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State of Colorado Fish-Stocking Program

Colorado Parks and Wildlife maintains 16 fish hatcheries throughout the state. Hatcheries that hold and spawn domesticated fish are called "brood units."

The hatcheries that hatch eggs and raise fish that come from other units are called "rearing units."

Durango State Fish Hatchery both hatches eggs from Durango hatchery and imports eggs from other state fish hatcheries.

The Fish Production Program in Colorado is divided into three parts:

- Cold-water facilities
- Warm-water facilities
- Native species restoration

Transportation Methods

There are three main methods of transporting fish to waters in Colorado.

- By truck
- Pack plants – by horse or person
- Air transport – by plane or helicopter

History of the Durango State Fish Hatchery

This is the oldest state-owned fish hatchery in Colorado. The first building was constructed in 1893. During the expansion of the State of Colorado's fish-stocking program in the early 1900s, a new building was constructed in 1927 and is now the Wildlife Museum. This was the main hatchery until a much bigger upgrade took place in the 1970s.

Annual Production

Durango stocks approximately 150,000 catchable rainbows (8–12 inches in length) and 1.3 million subcatchable fish (1–5 inches in length) each year in the southwest corner of Colorado.



Species Raised at the Durango State Fish Hatchery

Durango State Fish Hatchery is a cold-water facility and raises the following species: brown trout, kokanee salmon, native cutthroat trout and rainbow trout.

