

THE ROACH

Where can you find it ?

You will find it in the lakes and ponds, that is to say in the slow-moving streams. It is capable of swimming up stream, if it can find shelter : vegetation, roots or dead trees. . .

When can you find it ?

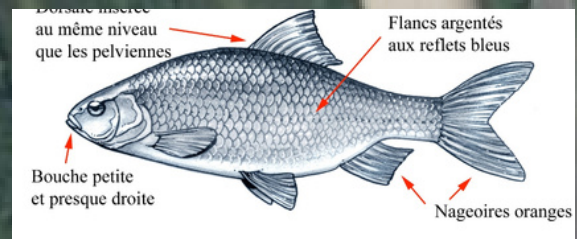
You can find it all year round. Its reproduction usually occurs at the end of Spring and at the end of summer. The female will lay about 100,000 eggs, which hatch after 4 to 10 days.

Why is it interesting ?

The hatch is a small, fast and nice fish which lives in school. It is one of the most common species in French waters. It is also a prey for the predatory fish such as the pike or perch which especially like them.

It can mostly be found where aquatic vegetation is well developed.

It feeds on aquatic insects and their larvae. This fish will indulge in a vegetarian diet at the beginning of its life.



What does it look like?

It has got a silver body. Its fins and eyes are red. A closer look at the position of the ventral and dorsal fins will help you make the difference between the two species. If these two fins are plumb, then it is indeed a roach.

It can be from 12 to 25 cm long, and can weigh from 100 to 200 g (maximum 50 cm for 1.8 kg).