

Invasive Species Alert

Ide

(*Leuciscus idus*)

Not detected in Michigan

Identification:

- Can reach 102 cm in length
- Chunky bodied fish with back and belly distinctly arched
- Small, bluntly pointed head and definitively forked caudal fin
- Silver morph: greyish-olive back, silver-white sides and belly, reddish pelvic and anal fins
- Golden morph: bright orange back, silvery-orange sides and belly, bright orange dorsal and caudal fins



Image by Gosta Sundman

Habitat: Ide inhabit clean, clear pools of medium to large ponds, lakes, and rivers. This species can tolerate higher levels of salinity than any other fish species in its family.

Diet: Diet typically consists of larval and adult insects, snails, and other invertebrates. Large individuals may also consume small fish.

Native Range: Across Europe from Scandinavia to Siberia

Local Concern: Due to this species' tolerance to a range of habitats, it is believed that this fish has the potential to become more of a problem than common carp if established.

Golden morph



Potential means of Introduction: Aquarium release, aquaculture

Other Common Names: orfe, silver orfe, golden orfe, golden ide

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