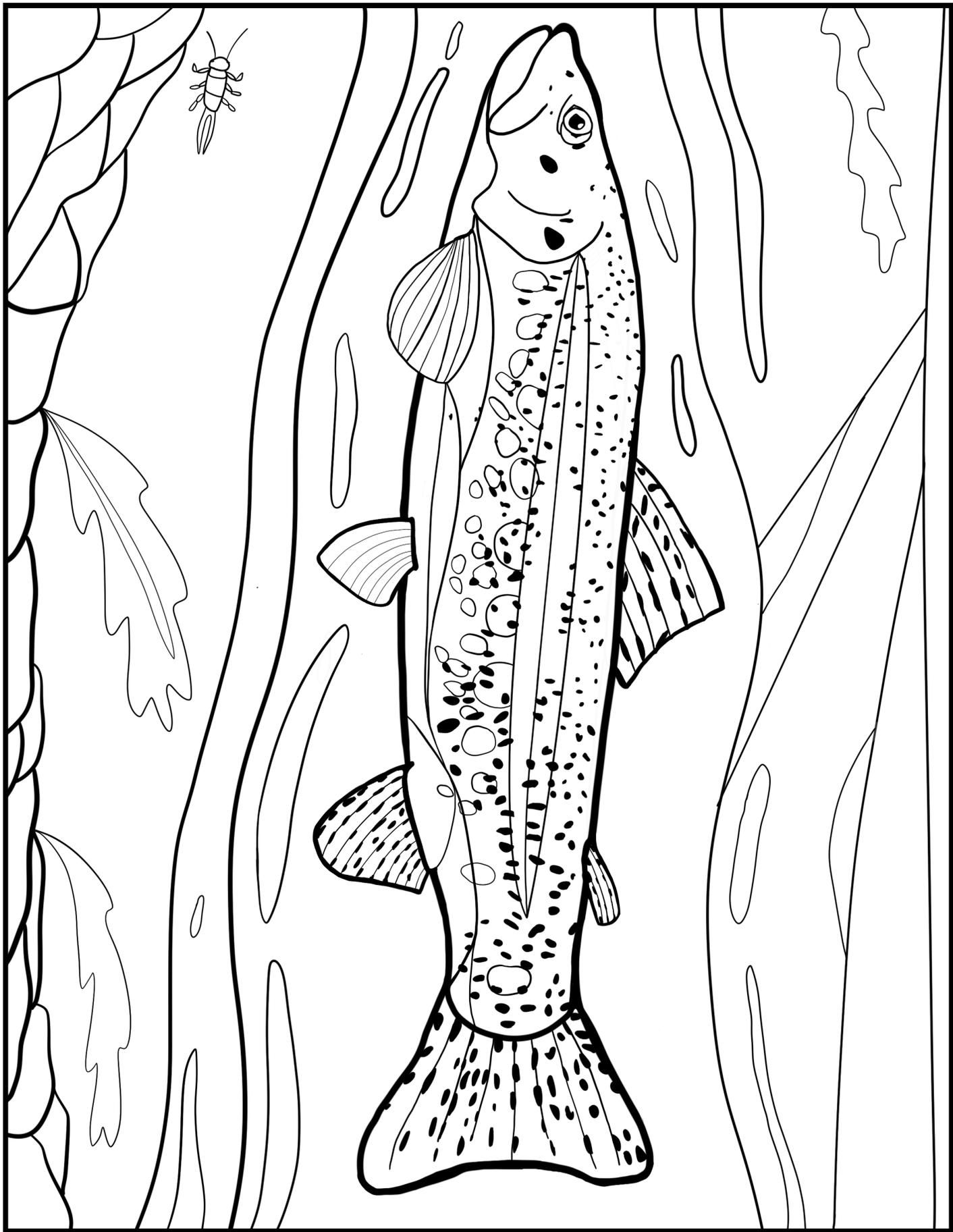


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Oncorhynchus mykiss

Species Status

As of 2020: May be at Risk. Native stocks of Rainbow Trout within the historical distribution in Alberta (Athabasca River) are threatened from interbreeding with introduced trout.

Watersheds Present

Originally only found in Upper Athabasca basin and Upper Peace River basin, but some lakes are stocked.

Identifying Information

Average weight: 4 kg (highest 25.4 kg). Record length: 120 cm. They have black spotting over the length of the body, and a pink/red stripe along the lateral line (from gills to tail). They tend to be lighter in colour and more silvery in lakes than in rivers (where they're more olive-green).



Rainbow Trout illustration by Ashley Johnson