

# Carp in Camden's waterways





Carp, including colourful koi carp, are a large invasive freshwater fish that have been introduced to south-eastern Australian waterways. They are known for degrading our natural aquatic environment as they:

- Can live in a wide variety of habitats and outcompete native fish;
- Have very destructive feeding habits that muddy the water and uproot aquatic vegetation. This reduces plant growth and lowers oxygen levels in the water leading to poor water quality and even algal blooms; and
- Increase erosion of riverbanks and beds.

To keep our waterways free of carp, remember:

- Never release carp into waterways;
- Do not feed carp;
- If you have a pond it should be designed so that ornamental fish cannot escape or be washed out during heavy rain;
- If you are fishing and catch a carp, you should humanely kill the animal and appropriately dispose of it – do not return it to the water.

For more information, call Camden Council on 4654 7777 or visit the NSW Department of Primary Industries' website at [dpi.nsw.gov.au](http://dpi.nsw.gov.au)