

## Goldfish

At Suntrap we have both cold-water and tropical fish.

**Vertebrate:** has bones.

**Fish:** breathe with gills, scaly skin.

**Habitat:** ponds and lakes (still water).

Originally came from the Far East but now kept as 'pets'.

**Eats:** plants and small water animals. They are omnivores.



### Fascinating Facts:

Goldfish have lost their camouflage as they have become domestic animals (pets). They are now bred to be a variety of colours.

In garden ponds they are easily seen by predators such as herons.

Instead of hearing they have a line along the side of their body (lateral line) which picks up vibrations.

Eyes on the side of the head give them excellent all round vision.

A female will lay thousands of eggs and only a few will survive to be adults.

