

HOW TO

keep

KOI & POND FISH



Ornamental fish can make a very colourful and interesting addition to your pond. Several species of pond fish are available including Koi, Goldfish, Shubunkin, Sarasa Comet, Tench, Sturgeon and Golden Orfe.



The size of your pond will determine which species of fish are most suitable for you. Most will live happily in a small-medium sized pond if it is adequately filtered and maintained. If you decide to keep Koi, you will need a larger pond which is at least 3ft deep and has a very good filtration system.

FEEDING

The dietary needs of pond fish are greatly affected by temperature - their feeding habits and activity levels will change over the year.

Be careful not to overfeed, as any uneaten food will rapidly pollute the water and kill the fish. Feed once or twice a day, a small amount, just enough to be consumed in a few minutes.

SPRING (10-18° C) - Depending on the temperature, feed wheatgerm or Spring/Autumn mix, but not growth food.

SUMMER (18° C +) - Fish are at their most active and can be fed any Koi/Pond Food including growth food.

AUTUMN (4-10° C) - Only feed wheatgerm or Spring/Autumn mix. Fish will become less active and eat less as it gets colder.

WINTER (4° C and under) - Do not feed fish when they are inactive.



KOI

Koi is the Japanese word for all carp. The ornamental forms are very impressive and have become extremely popular with fish keepers. They come in a huge variety of colours, patterns and textures, each with its own name. Under ideal conditions, Koi can grow up to 3ft in length, however, they are also very boisterous, making them unsuitable for small ponds.