



Ribbed Trout Worm Color Cheat Sheet

Download and print this guide to pick the right ribbed trout worm color—plus smart backups—on every outing.

Seasonal Color Picks

Spring

Water Clarity	Single Color	Two-Tone Combo
Clear (>8 ft)	Peach	Root Beer
Stained (4–8 ft)	Pink	Olive & Cheese
Muddy (<4 ft)	Orange	Orange / White

Summer

Light Condition	Single Color	Two-Tone Combo
Bright Sun, Clear	Gold, White	Root Beer
Overcast or Stained	Chartreuse, Red	Black & Cheese
Deep Holes (>8 ft)	Red, Chartreuse	Root Beer

Fall

Habitat	Single Color	Two-Tone Combo
Riffles & Shallows	Peach, Gold	Olive & Cheese
Deep Pools	Red, Nightcrawler	Black & Cheese
Transition Zones	White, Mint Green	Root Beer



Winter

Light Condition	Single Color	Two-Tone Combo
Low-Light Nights	Nightcrawler, Black	Black & Cheese
Daylight, Clear	White, Gold	Root Beer
Icy Runs & Holes	Red, Chartreuse	Orange / White

Visual-Cue Substitution

If your ideal shade is unavailable, choose backups by matching the dominant cue:

Visual Cue	Primary Color	1st Substitute	2nd Substitute
Silhouette Contrast	Nightcrawler	Black	Red
Flash / Reflection	Gold	White	Root Beer
UV Attractor Pop	Chartreuse	Pink	Orange
Natural Hatch Match	Peach	Mint Green	Translucent Brown
Deep-Water Visibility	Red	Nightcrawler	Black / Red

How to Use

1. Check season, water clarity, light, depth, and local forage.
2. Pick the **Single Color** or **Two-Tone Combo** from the Seasonal table.
3. If you don't have it, use the **Visual-Cue Substitution** table to select 1st and 2nd backups.
4. Rig identically and fish 3–5 casts before switching to the next substitute.
5. Log your results: condition, color, catch rate. Update your cheat sheet notes.