

SPECIES	BEST TIMES	RECOMMENDED BAIT/LURE	TACKLE WORLD TIP
Whiting	November to April	Live nippers or sand worms are the best baits. Small metal blade lures and surface poppers work well for this species.	<p>When using surface poppers for whiting focus your efforts on wind blown shorelines as this is where whiting will actively feed and the cover provided by the broken surface water reduces the chance of spooking them.</p> <p>Best Locations: South Coast estuaries including Clyde River, Tuross Lake, Wagonga Inlet, St Georges Basin, Moruya River.</p>
Flathead	November to April	Live prawns or poddy mullet are the best baits. Frozen prawns or strips of tuna are also effective. In deeper water try weighed soft plastic lures in fish or prawn patterns or metal blade lures. Up in the flats, small 3 to 4 inch shallow diving hardbodies and surface poppers are a great option.	<p>On days when the flathead fishing is a little slow be sure to try adding a colour or scent to your soft plastic lure. Scent dyes from the Spikelt and Lake Hawk range have proven to be very effective on flathead, especially in the red/pink garlic flavour.</p> <p>Best Locations: South Coast estuaries including Clyde River, Tuross Lake, Wagonga Inlet, St Georges Basin, Moruya River.</p>
Bream	All year round. Try edge snags, shallow flats and oyster racks in the warmer months and deeper holes in the cooler months.	Live nippers and prawns are the best baits. Thin strips of stripy tuna fillet is a great alternative if you cant get live bait. Lures that work well include small diving minnows, metal blades, stickbaits, plastics and poppers.	<p>Live freshwater yabbies are dynamite for larger bream, especially in areas where smaller 'bait stealing' fish are a problem. When lure fishing for bream be sure to mix your retrieve up until you find an effective pattern.</p> <p>Best Locations: South Coast estuaries including Clyde River, Tuross Lake, Wagonga Inlet, St Georges Basin, Moruya River.</p>
Snapper	All year round. May to July provides exciting shallow water opportunities as snapper move in to feed on spawning cephalopods (squids etc).	Live squid or small yakkas are best baits. Most frozen baits will work, however strips of squid and stripy tuna or pillies work best. Soft plastic lures in stickbait, fish or worm patterns work best. Alter your jighead weigh to suit the depth of water and tide/current. Aim to have your lure working in the bottom 3rd of the water column. Nuclear chicken, white/pearl and pink colours are most productive.	<p>When fishing for snapper from a boat be sure to have a spare rod deployed with an octa or lucanus style jig on. Sit this rod in a rod holder and let the wave motion provide action to the lure. You'll be very surprised as to the effectiveness of this method!</p> <p>Best Locations: Inshore reefs right along the NSW South Coast. Depths of 5 to 60 meters.</p>

Jewfish	September to January	Live yakkas, squid and tailor are best baits. Larger soft plastics in fish, stickbait and prawn patterns are very effective. Keep your lure on or near the bottom and use a similar technique the one used for flathead soft plastic fishing.	<p>Whilst only a short window, focus your efforts in likely spots on the 'slack' between the tide changes. This is a proven bite time for big jewies!</p> <p>Best Locations: South Coast estuaries including Clyde River, Tuross Lake, Wagonga Inlet, St Georges Basin, Moruya River.</p>
Redfin	September to March	Best live baits are worms, yabbies and bardi grubs. Spinner/celta style lures, metal blades small diving minnows and small soft plastics are all readily engulfed by redfin.	<p>Fishing from a boat provides a great opportunity to fish or 'jig' vertically for redfin. The best lure for this style of fishing is an ice jig. These lures are designed to be fished vertically and once a school of redfin is located record catches can be expected using the 'jigging' method.</p> <p>Best Locations: Any of the local urban waterways and surrounding impoundments including Lake Burley Griffin, Lake Ginninderra, Lake Tuggeranong, Googong Dam, Burrinjuck Dam, Wyangala Dam and Blowering Dam.</p>
Golden Perch	September to March	Best live baits are worms, yabbies and bardi grubs. Best lures for Golden Perch include spinnerbaits, lipless crankbaits and medium sized diving lures. Lure colours imitating yabbies, redfin and goldfish are proven performers.	<p>At times Golden Perch can be quite hard to tempt on spinnerbaits and hardbody lures, often just following the lure repeatedly. For this reason it always pays to have another rod rigged with a soft plastic or bait on hand.</p> <p>Best Locations: Any of the local urban waterways and surrounding impoundments including Lake Burley Griffin, Lake Ginninderra, Lake Tuggeranong, Googong Dam; Burrinjuck Dam, Wyangala Dam and Blowering Dam.</p>
Murray Cod	December to March (NOTE - Closed season from 1 September to 30 November)	Best live baits are worms, yabbies and bardi grubs. Best lures include large spinnerbaits, lipless crankbaits and medium to large sized diving lures. As for Golden Perch, lure colours imitating yabbies, redfin and goldfish are proven performers.	<p>Surface lure fishing for Murray cod can be explosive and is a great way to catch this iconic species. Try low light periods like early morning, late afternoon and at night for best results. Buzzbaits, surface paddlers and poppers are all effective.</p> <p>Best Locations: Any of the local urban waterways and surrounding impoundments including Lake Burley Griffin, Lake Ginninderra, Lake Tuggeranong, Googong Dam, Burrinjuck Dam, Wyangala Dam and Blowering Dam.</p>

<p>Trout</p>	<p>All year round (NOTE - Rivers and streams closed from end of the long weekend in June to the start of the long weekend in October)</p>	<p>Best live baits are mudeyes, scrub worms, yabbies and bardi grubs. Berkley Powerbait is a great alternative to live baits. Spinner/celta style lures, metal blades small diving minnows and small soft plastics are all great lures for trout. Yabby, Goldfish, and trout pattern colours work best.</p>	<p>When bait fishing for Trout be sure to try a two hook rig using a 3-way swivel. This way you can use two different baits on each rod to maximise your chance of finding what the fish are feeding on. Also don't use too much weight on the line, a sinker the size of a pea is plenty. Most of the trout will be feeding around the fringes of the lake so you don't need to be casting out into the middle.</p> <p>Best Locations: Snowy Mountains lakes and streams including Lake Jindabyne, Lake Eucumbene, Eucumbene river and Thredbo river. Also the Cotter River, Goodradigbee River, Paddys River and Pejar Dam.</p>
<p>Carp</p>	<p>All year round</p>	<p>Best live bait are worms. Bread, corn and Powerbait are also great bait for carp. In the past carp have generally not been targeted with lures however using soft plastic worms and grubs is a great way to catch cruising or shallow feeding carp.</p>	<p>Many of the Canberra's local lakes and ponds have populations of carp and using fly gear is a great way to target these fish. Burley up with some bread and then cast a bread fly into the mix and it shouldn't be long before your locked into battle with a resident rubber-lipped steam train!</p> <p>Best Locations: Any of the local urban waterways and surrounding impoundments including Lake Burley Griffin, Lake Ginninderra, Lake Tuggeranong, Googong Dam, Burrinjuck Dam, Wyangala Dam and Blowering Dam.</p>

For full details of all species that can be caught in the Canberra area contact Tackle World Canberra on 02 6280 4530.