

FAST

They are one of five species of mudfish in New Zealand.

The biggest recorded adult Canterbury mudfish is 180mm.

They swim with an eel-like motion making it easier to move through thick plants under water.

Some of the first mudfish found were dug up in a damp field of potatoes!

FACTS

Adult mudfish are mostly nocturnal (out and about at night), hunting for worms, snails, mosquito and midge larvae and other aquatic insects.

They live in fresh water all their lives.

During the summer months when water levels get low, mudfish will leave the water to find a damp hiding place. Then, when summer is over and water returns to the area, they can eat, swim and breed (have babies).

