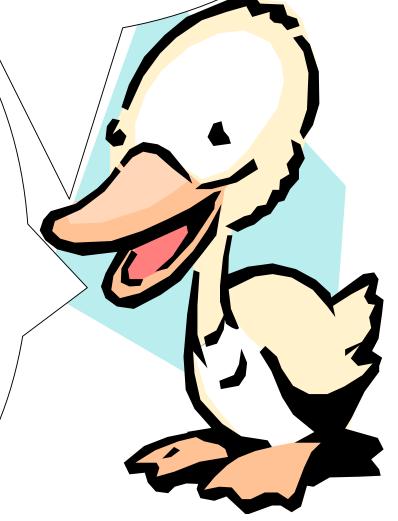
Please Don't Feed Us

The bread that you feed us contains between one and two grams of phosphorus. This is enough to make a volume of lake water the size of a backyard swimming pool nutrient rich. A lake is considered nutrient rich (able to support an algal bloom) when available phosphorus in the water rises above only 0.02 grams per cubic metre.

Algal blooms in lakes also encourage midge to breed.

Remember, nutrient rich water from lakes may end up in a river.

Bread also makes us very sick. We become reliant on bread and thus do not eat our natural food. This can cause malnutrition and disease as only one type of food is being eaten. Bread does not contain the right balance of nutrients to keep us alive. It can also cause us to starve when there is no bread around for us to eat. If you must feed us we really like snails and worms.



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