

The One That Got Away

Deerfoot Trail is the major north to south freeway in Calgary skirting the east side of the city. The speed limit on it is 100 km per hour which means most people do 110. I traveled about a 25 kilometer stretch of this road five days a week to go to work.

Sections of the road run through still relatively wild areas so needless to say, road kill along this road is inevitable. However, the most unusual road kill I have ever seen happened early one fall morning. I had just turned onto Deerfoot Trail when I saw something on the right hand side of the road. It was an unusual colour, so I had to slowed down to see what it could be. To my astonishment it was a significantly sized fish. Now let's put things in perspective here. The nearest noteworthy body of water would be the Bearspaw Reservoir which is at least 20 km away as the crow flies. My only thought was that some poor fisherman had caught the fish and loaded it onto the back of the truck where it eventually slid off. I had to laugh as I thought of this person sitting somewhere trying to explain to a partner or fellow fisherman about the one that got away. I had a good laugh which is always a great way to start a day.

I often wondered how many other Deerfoot Trail drivers noticed this bizarre 'road kill'.

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