

Book Review - The Answers Book
Chapter 14 – How Did Fish Survive The
Flood?



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This question does not have any implications for the old-earth creationist, unless you are an old-earth creationist who believes in a global flood. However, there is one point that needs discussing.

The authors mention plants on page 189. Let's look at the conditions of a globe full of water. The fluid dynamics of the earth covered with water was calculated by two young-earth theorists. They discovered that there would be currents on the order of 156 miles per hour!¹ At that speed, no pre-flood trees would survive. Also, any that did would be completely buried by the new sedimentary layers. Therefore, any trees, or plants of any kind, would have to sprout from seeds after the water subsided.

The dove was sent out from the Ark, and brought back an olive twig. Since there would only be seedlings, it could not have brought back a full twig, but instead had to uproot a 2-3 inch tall seedling! Also, since all grass and trees perished during the flood because of the currents and the rapid deposition of new rock, there would be no food for the animals once they departed the Ark. Therefore, Noah would have to feed these animals well after they departed from the Ark. However, there is no support for this from the Bible.

In an old-world, local flood scenario, the animals merely had to migrate a few hundred miles to find land not devastated by the flood. Also, you would not have the devastating currents from the global flood, so trees and plants would have been better suited to survive and re-populate the flood region.

¹ Baumgartner and Barnette, "Patterns of Ocean Circulation Over the Continents During Noah's Flood" located at
<http://www.icr.org/research/jb/patternsofcirculation.htm>