

Hosterman Lake FISH IDENTIFICATION

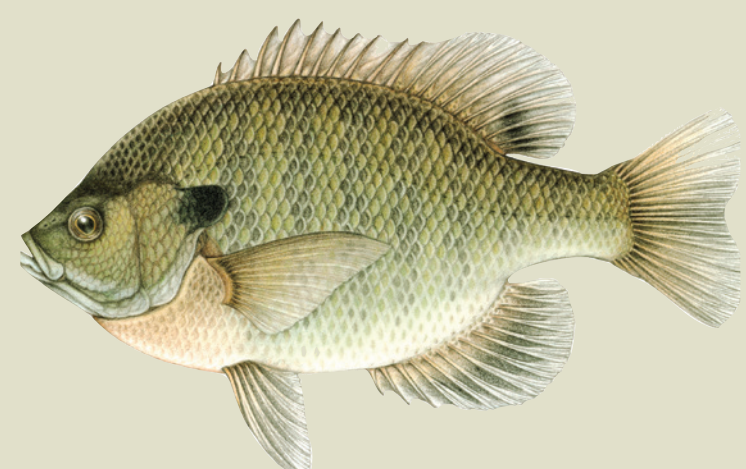
RESTRICTIONS:

- **NO CAST NETTING.**
- **Adhere to Fishing Limits for each species (see Limits on right).**
- **Do not catch or injure snapping turtles. If hooked, cut the line.**
- **Do not catch or take frogs, snails or mussels.**

FISHING LIMITS:

- **Sunfish: Bluegill, Green, Longear, Pumpkinseed & Redear:** Sizes between 6" to 8", limit 20 per day. All other sizes Catch & Release.
- **Blue, Channel & Flathead Catfish:** Catch & Keep up to 10 per day, no weight limit.
- **Bullhead Catfish:** Catch & Keep up to 2 per day, no weight limit.
- **Largemouth Bass:** Catch & Release.
- **Black Crappie:** Under 9 inches Catch & Release / 9+ inches, limit 30 per day.
- **Common Carp:** Catch & Keep, No Limit.
- **Gizzard Shad:** Catch & Release.

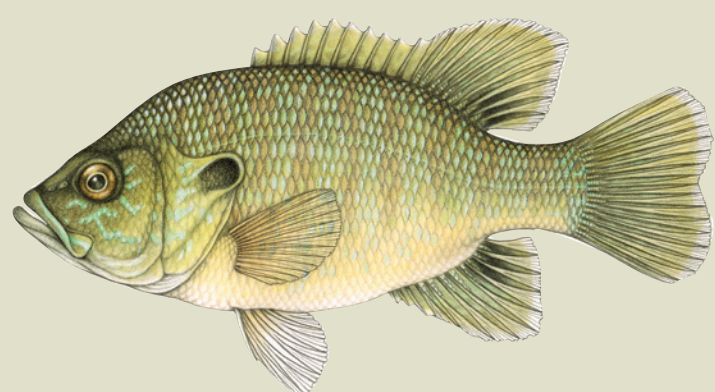
SUNFISH



Bluegill Sunfish

Identification: Deep slab-sided fish with small mouth and long pectoral fin. Colors vary; however, ear flap is always black and bluegills often have a black blotch near the end of the soft dorsal fin.

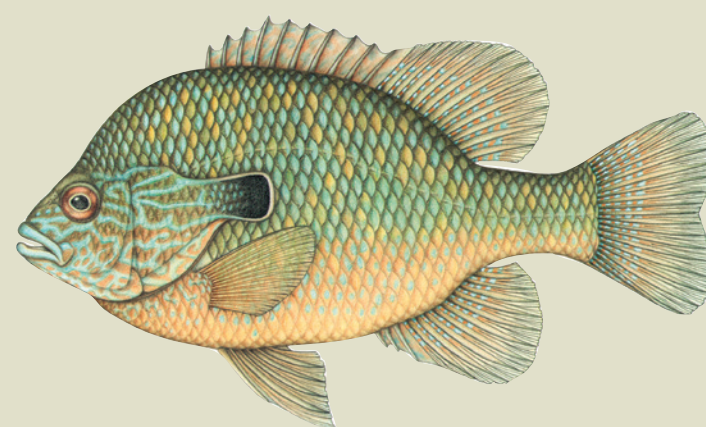
Adult Size: 6-10 inches



Green Sunfish

Identification: Moderately compressed body, mouth is large with upper jaw reaching back to middle of eye. Back is bluish-green and below is yellow to white. Anal fin has 3 hard spines.

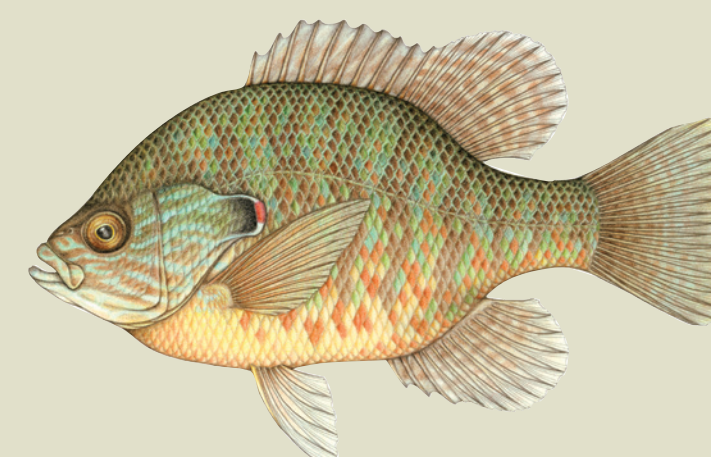
Adult Size: 3-7 inches



Longear Sunfish

Identification: Back is olive-green with blue-green specks on sides. Belly is orange or yellow. Ear flaps are black, occasionally with a white border.

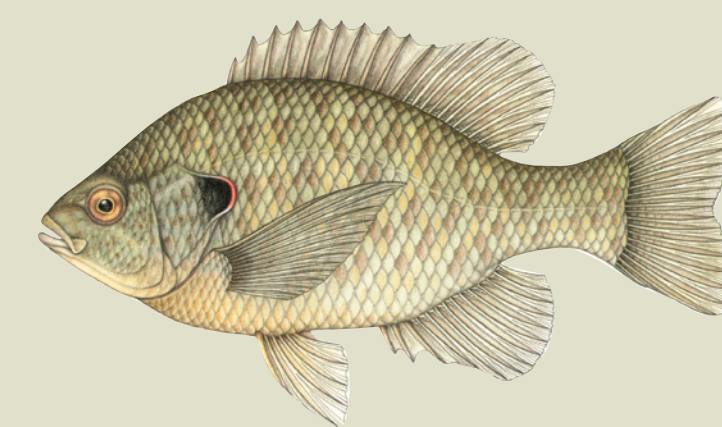
Adult Size: 4-6 inches



Pumpkinseed Sunfish

Identification: Colorful, deep-bodied, slab-sided fish with small mouth. Breast and belly are orange to yellow with lighter sides in variety of colors. Ear flap is black bordered with an orange red spot.

Adult Size: 5-8 inches

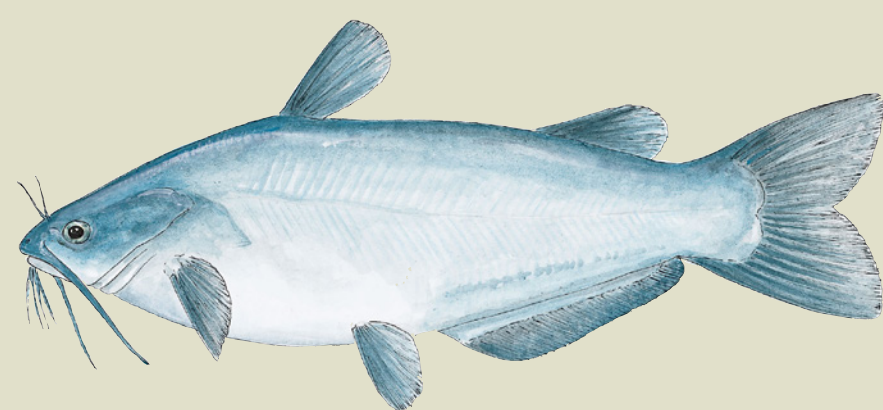


Redear Sunfish

Identification: Deep, slab-sided fish similar to bluegill, except ear flap is black with a red or orange margin. Black blotch at base of dorsal fin is absent.

Adult Size: 9-11 inches

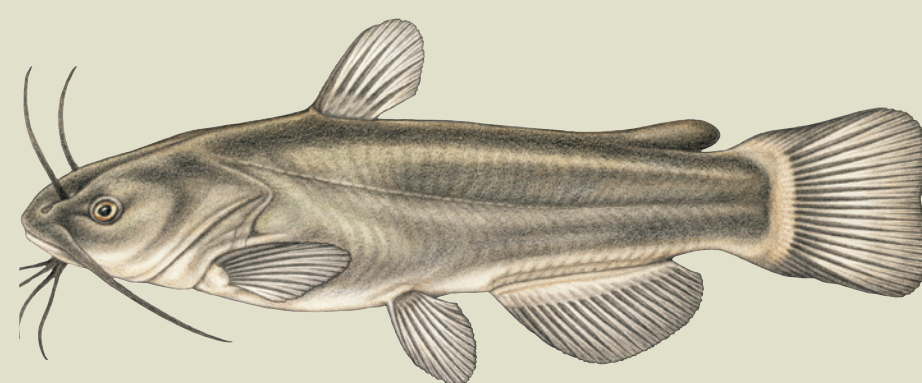
CATFISH



Blue Catfish

Identification: Forked tail, light gray or silver colored body. Differs from channel catfish by having longer anal fin (30-36 rays compared to 24-30 on a channel catfish) with straight bottom edge. No black spots appear on body like those on young channel catfish.

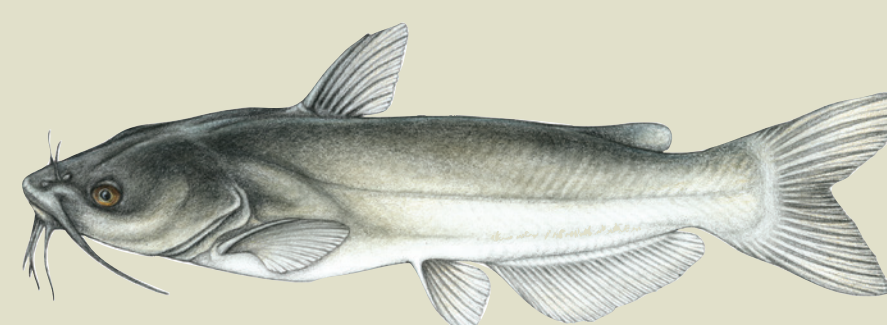
Adult Size: 30-40 inches and 20-40 pounds. Can reach upwards of 60 inches.



Bullhead Catfish

Identification: Bullheads are often difficult to identify. They are scaleless and colors vary from yellow-olive brown to brownish-black.

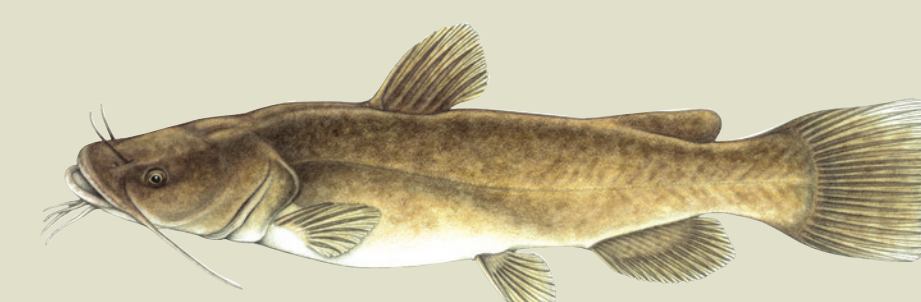
Adult Size: 10-12 inches



Channel Catfish

Identification: Scaleless and slender bodies, deeply forked tails, barbels around mouth, curved anal fins with 24-30 rays. Color is generally bluish-silver on upper half of body and silver to white on lower half.

Adult Size: 12-14 inches and up to 10 pounds or more.



Flathead Catfish

Identification: Only catfish in Ohio with a flattened head between the eyes. Lower jaw is longer than upper jaw. Tail is square, body color is usually yellow-olive or dark brown with dark brown blotches.

Adult Size: 15-30 inches and 5 to 40 pounds. Have been known to exceed 5 feet and 80 pounds.

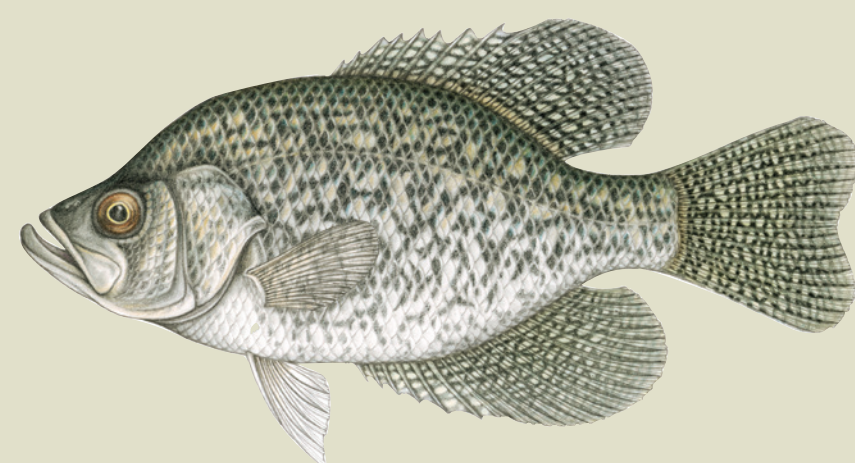
OTHER SPECIES



Largemouth Bass

Identification: Black part of jaw extends beyond back border of the eye when mouth is closed. Dark lateral band extends from head to tail.

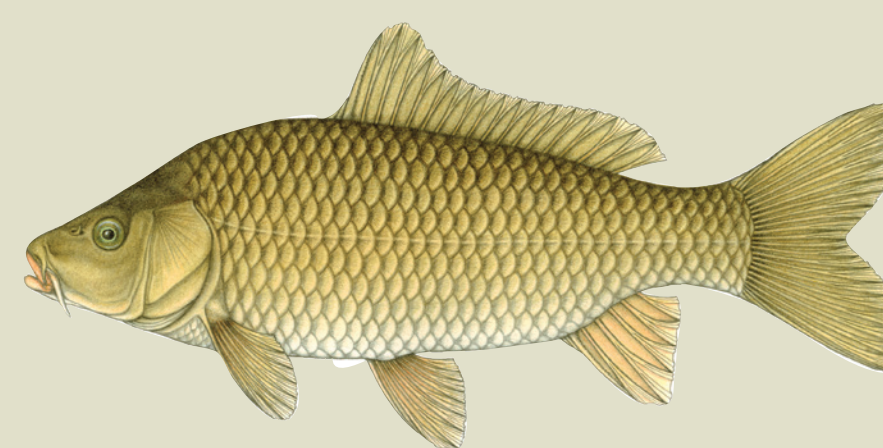
Adult Size: 12-15 inches weighing 1 to 3 pounds. Can reach over 25 inches and 13 pounds.



Black Crappie

Identification: Deep bodies with head, back and sides mottled with dusky or black blotches. Most reliable characteristic are 7 or 8 dorsal spines.

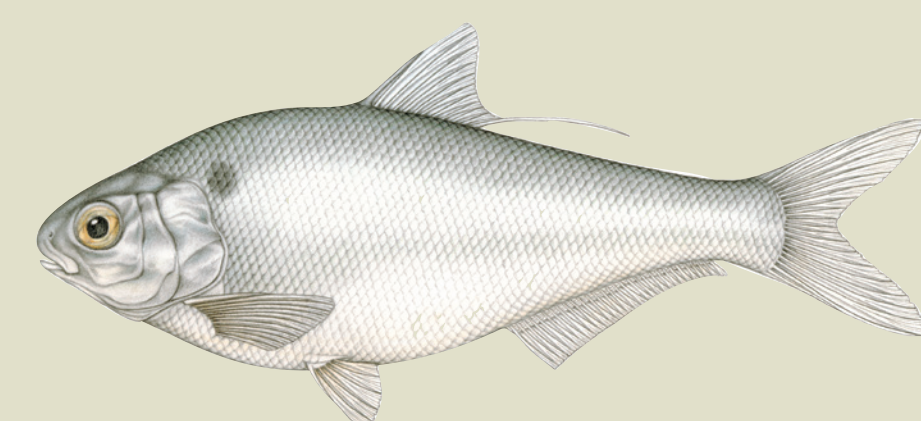
Adult Size: 8-12 inches



Common Carp

Identification: Stout, bronze-gold to golden-yellow fish with a yellowish belly. Upper jaw has two barbels on each side.

Adult Size: Generally between 1-10 pounds, occasionally up to 50-60 pounds and 40 inches long.



Gizzard Shad

Identification: Small bait fish with silvery bodies.

Adult Size: Under 4"