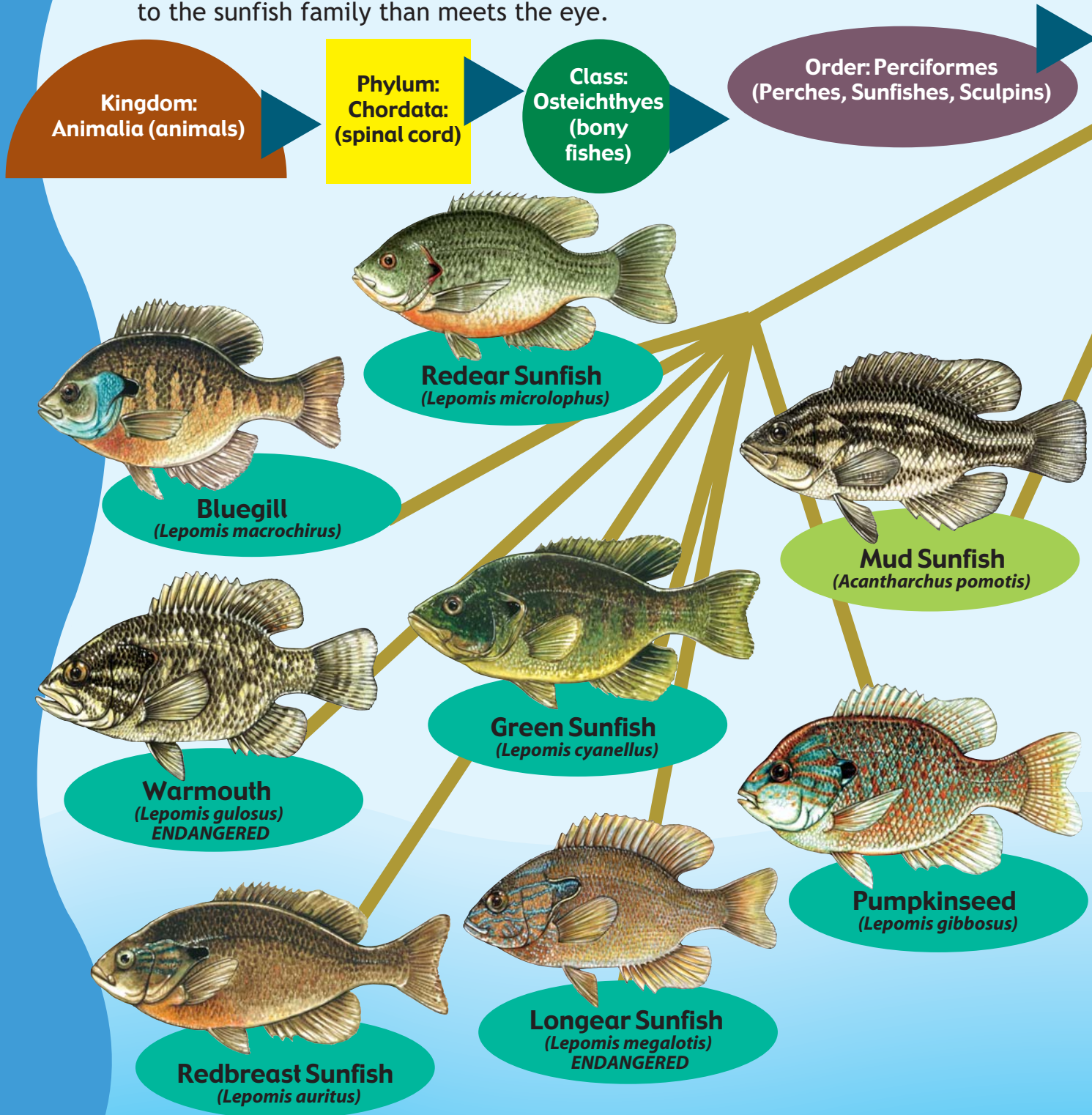


# Sunfish Family Tree

When Pennsylvanians fish for sunfish family members, the first to the hook is likely a bluegill or pumpkinseed. However, plenty of other "sunfish" are waiting to bite, and some may not look like the bluegills in your pond. Cruising the waters of Pennsylvania are 17 sunfish family species. Did you know that largemouth bass and smallmouth bass are members of the sunfish family? Some sunfish are even endangered, including the banded sunfish, longear sunfish and warmouth. Other common fish such as crappies and rock bass are also sunfish. There is much more to the sunfish family than meets the eye.

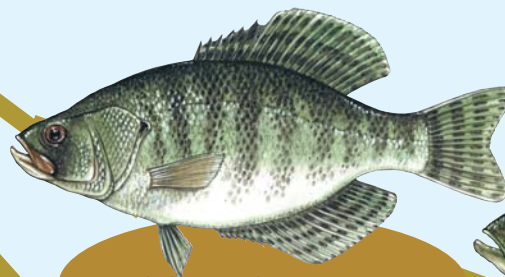


- Males construct and guard a nest.
- Pan-shaped (body of the fish compressed vertically).
- Rough-edged (ctenoid) scales.
- Two-section dorsal fin with spiny rays near the front.
- Most prefer warmer water temperatures (70–85 degrees).

Family:  
Centrarchidae  
(Sunfishes)



**Blackbanded Sunfish**  
(*Enneacanthus chaetodon*)



**White Crappie**  
(*Pomoxis annularis*)



**Black Crappie**  
(*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*)



**Bluespotted Sunfish**  
(*Enneacanthus gloriosus*)



**Rock Bass**  
(*Ambloplites rupestris*)



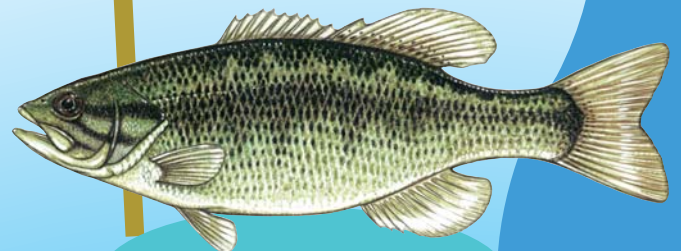
**Largemouth Bass**  
(*Micropterus salmoides*)



**Banded Sunfish**  
(*Enneacanthus obesus*)  
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**Smallmouth Bass**  
(*Micropterus dolomieu*)



**Spotted Bass**  
(*Micropterus punctulatus*)