

Panfish

White crappie
Pomoxis annularis



Black crappie
Pomoxis nigromaculatus

Yellow perch
Perca flavescens



Bluegill
Lepomis macrochirus

Pumpkinseed
Lepomis gibbosus



Identification



White crappie has head, back and upper sides dark green with 8 to 10 vertical bars. Dorsal fin has 5 to 6 spines.



Black crappie has scattered spots and 7 to 8 dorsal spines.

Yellow perch has separate spiny rayed and soft-rayed dorsal fins. Sides have 6 vertical bars.



Bluegill has a dark spot at base of dorsal fin. Spiny rayed and soft-rayed dorsal fins are joined. Black spot on gill flap. Dark vertical bars on body.

Other sunfish



Rock bass

Ambloplites rupestris
Red or orange eye, 5 to 7 spines on anal fin, dark mottling over light belly.

Redbreast sunfish

Lepomis auritus
Long gill cover, short, rounded pectoral fin.

illustration-Ted Walke



Cut out the trout identification card at left, fold over on dotted line and keep in your fishing vest pocket to help identify your catch.

