



Manchester Urban Ponds Restoration Program

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Common Fish Species of Crystal Lake

Sampled on May 30 & August 22 2001

Species	Number Sampled	Average Length (mm)	Average Weight (g)
Yellow Perch	83	106	17
Pumpkinseed	32	106	44
Largemouth Bass	17	308	481
Bluegill	4	191	175
E. Chain Pickerel	4	290	148
	140	200	173



Largemouth Bass (*Micropterus salmoides*)

- **Description:** Resembles the smallmouth bass, but the jaw of the largemouth extends beyond the eye. Also has horizontal dark band/stripe along its side.
- **Habitat:** Solitary fish found in quiet, warm, shallow, weedy, mud-bottomed waters.
- **Food:** Frogs, bait fish, snakes, mice, snails, and worms.



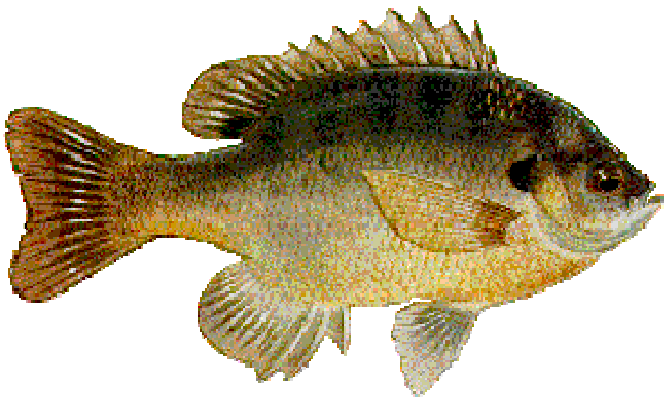
Yellow Perch (*Perca flavescens*)

- **Description:** Golden-yellow with 6-8 broad dark vertical bands.
- **Habitat:** Schools found in quiet, warm, weedy waters.
- **Food:** Small aquatic insects, crustaceans, and small fishes.



Pumpkinseed (*Lepomis gibbosus*)

- **Description:** Resembles the bluegill but has a bright orange spot at the tip of the ear flap and lack of dark spot on the soft portion of the dorsal fin.
- **Color:** Breeding males are especially colorful with iridescent blue radiating lines on their cheeks and gill covers.
- **Habitat:** Quiet, warm, weedy waters.
- **Food:** Aquatic insects, snails, small fish, and fish eggs.



Bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*)

- Also known as “kibbie” this fish is not native to NH.
- **Description:** Conspicuous dark blotches at the back of the large, square-shaped, blue-black flap behind the eye.
- **Habitat:** Quiet, warm, weedy waters.



Eastern Chain Pickerel (*Esox niger*)

- **Description:** Slender, long. Large mouth with teeth. Dorsal and anal fins placed far back near the tail. Pattern of dark, chain-like markings on the side distinguishes it from other members of the pike family.
- **Habitat:** Quiet, warm, shallow, weedy, mud-bottomed waters.
- **Food:** Carnivorous and eats golden shiners, brown bullheads, yellow perch, and sunfish.