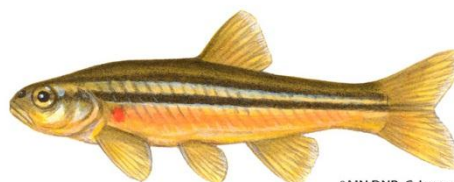


Minnesota Fish Watch

Build your own fish species Life List! Check off the fish species you have caught or observed in lakes, rivers, local aquariums or the DNR Pond and Aquariums at the Minnesota State Fair! Use the Minnesota Fish Watch booklet (<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/minnaqua/fishwatch.html>) and other fish identification guides to carefully compare characteristics of the fish you catch and observe. Not every species is easily identified! Use this list to check off each new species you identify on your fishing trips and outings to Minnesota's many lakes, rivers and streams to compile a list of all the Minnesota fish species you identify during your lifetime of fishing or wildlife watching while enjoying our rich water heritage in Minnesota.



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Angler Name:

Common name	Scientific Name	Location Observed/Captured	Date
Lamprey Family			
chesnut lamprey	<i>Ichthyomyzon castaneus</i>		
northern brook lamprey	<i>Ichthyomyzon fossor</i>		
southern brook lamprey	<i>Ichthyomyzon gagei</i>		
silver lamprey	<i>Ichthyomyzon unicuspis</i>		
American brook lamprey	<i>Lampetra appendix</i>		
sea lamprey ***	<i>Petromyzon marinus</i>		
Sturgeon Family			
lake sturgeon	<i>Acipenser fulvescens</i>		
shovelnose sturgeon	<i>Scaphirhynchus platyrhynchus</i>		
Paddlefish Family			
paddlefish	<i>Polyodon spathula</i>		
Gar Family			
longnose gar	<i>Lepisosteus osseus</i>		
shortnose gar	<i>Lepisosteus platostomus</i>		
Bowfin Family			
bowfin (dogfish)	<i>Amia calva</i>		

Mooneye Family			
goldeye	<i>Hiodon alosoides</i>		
mooneye	<i>Hiodon tergisus</i>		
Eel Family			
American eel	<i>Anguilla rostrata</i>		
Herring Family			
skipjack herring	<i>Alosa chrysochloris</i>		
alewife ***	<i>Alosa pseudoharengus</i>		
gizzard shad	<i>Dorosoma cepedianum</i>		
Minnow Family			
central stoneroller	<i>Campostoma anomalum</i>		
largescale stoneroller	<i>Campostoma oligolepis</i>		
goldfish***	<i>Carassius auratus</i>		
redside dace	<i>Clinostomus elongatus</i>		
lake chub	<i>Couesius plumbeus</i>		
grass carp ***	<i>Ctenopharyngodon idella</i>		
red shiner	<i>Cyprinella lutrensis</i>		
spotfin shiner	<i>Cyprinella spiloptera</i>		
carp ***	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>		
gravel chub	<i>Erimystax x-punctatus</i>		
brassy minnow	<i>Hybognathus hankinsoni</i>		
Mississippi silvery minnow	<i>Hybognathus nuchalis</i>		
pallid shiner	<i>Hybopsis amnis</i>		
bighead carp ***	<i>Hypophthalmichthys nobilis</i>		
silver carp ***	<i>Hypophthalmichthys molitrix</i>		
common shiner	<i>Luxilus cornutus</i>		
redfin shiner	<i>Lythrurus umbratilis</i>		
speckled chub	<i>Macrhybopsis (Hybopsis) aestivalis</i>		
silver chub	<i>Macrhybopsis (Hybopsis) storeriana</i>		
pearl dace	<i>Margariscus margarita</i>		
hornyhead chub	<i>Nocomis biguttatus</i>		
golden shiner	<i>Notemigonus crysoleucas</i>		
pugnose shiner	<i>Notropis anogenus</i>		
emerald shiner	<i>Notropis atherinoides</i>		
river shiner	<i>Notropis blennius</i>		
bigmouth shiner	<i>Notropis dorsalis</i>		
blackchin shiner	<i>Notropis heterodon</i>		
blacknose shiner	<i>Notropis heterolepis</i>		
spottail shiner	<i>Notropis hudsonius</i>		
Ozark minnow	<i>Notropis nubilus</i>		

rosyface shiner	<i>Notropis rubellus</i>		
sand shiner	<i>Notropis stramineus*</i>		
weed shiner	<i>Notropis texanus</i>		
Topeka shiner	<i>Notropis topeka</i>		
mimic shiner	<i>Notropis volucellus</i>		
pugnose minnow	<i>Opsopoeodus emiliae</i>		
suckermouth minnow	<i>Phenacobius mirabilis</i>		
northern redbelly dace	<i>Phoxinus eos</i>		
southern redbelly dace	<i>Phoxinus erythrogaster</i>		
finescale dace	<i>Phoxinus neogaeus</i>		
bluntnose minnow	<i>Pimephales notatus</i>		
fathead minnow	<i>Pimephales promelas</i>		
bullhead minnow	<i>Pimephales vigilax</i>		
flathead chub	<i>Platygobio gracilis</i>		
blacknose dace	<i>Rhinichthys atratulus</i>		
longnose dace	<i>Rhinichthys cataractae</i>		
creek chub	<i>Semotilus atromaculatus</i>		
Sucker Family			
river carpsucker	<i>Carpionodes carpio</i>		
quillback	<i>Carpionodes cyprinus</i>		
highfin carpsucker	<i>Carpionodes velifer</i>		
longnose sucker	<i>Catostomus catostomus</i>		
white sucker	<i>Catostomus commersoni</i>		
blue sucker	<i>Cycleptus elongatus</i>		
northern hogsucker	<i>Hypentelium nigricans</i>		
smallmouth buffalo	<i>Ictiobus bubalus</i>		
bigmouth buffalo	<i>Ictiobus cyprinellus</i>		
black buffalo	<i>Ictiobus niger</i>		
spotted sucker	<i>Minytrema melanops</i>		
silver redhorse	<i>Moxostoma anisurum</i>		
river redhorse	<i>Moxostoma carinatum</i>		
black redhorse	<i>Moxostoma duquesnei</i>		
golden redhorse	<i>Moxostoma erythrurum</i>		
shorthead redhorse	<i>Moxostoma macrolepidotum</i>		
greater redhorse	<i>Moxostoma valenciennesi</i>		
Catfish Family			
black bullhead	<i>Ameiurus melas</i>		
yellow bullhead	<i>Ameiurus natalis</i>		
brown bullhead	<i>Ameiurus nebulosus</i>		
blue catfish **	<i>Ictalurus furcatus</i>		
channel catfish	<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>		
slender madtom	<i>Noturus exilis</i>		

stonecat	<i>Noturus flavus</i>		
tadpole madtom	<i>Noturus gyrinus</i>		
flathead catfish	<i>Pylodictis olivaris</i>		
Pike Family			
northern pike	<i>Esox lucius</i>		
muskellunge	<i>Esox masquinongy</i>		
Mudminnow Family			
central mudminnow	<i>Umbra limi</i>		
Smelt Family			
rainbow smelt	<i>Osmerus mordax</i>		
Trout and Salmon Family			
lake herring (cisco)	<i>Coregonus artedi</i>		
lake whitefish	<i>Coregonus clupeaformis</i>		
bloater	<i>Coregonus hoyi</i>		
kiyi	<i>Coregonus kiyi</i>		
Nipigon cisco	<i>Coregonus nipigon</i>		
shortjaw cisco	<i>Coregonus zenithicus</i>		
pink salmon **	<i>Oncorhynchus gorbuscha</i>		
coho salmon **	<i>Oncorhynchus kisutch</i>		
rainbow trout **	<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>		
chinook salmon **	<i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i>		
pygmy whitefish	<i>Prosopium coulteri</i>		
round whitefish	<i>Prosopium cylindraceum</i>		
Atlantic salmon **	<i>Salmo salar</i>		
brown trout **	<i>Salmo trutta</i>		
brook trout	<i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i>		
lake trout	<i>Salvelinus namaycush</i>		
Trout-Perch Family			
trout-perch	<i>Percopsis omiscomaycus</i>		
Pirate Perch Family			
pirate perch	<i>Aphredoderus sayanus</i>		
Codfish Family			
burbot (eelpout)	<i>Lota lota</i>		
Silverside Family			

brook silverside	<i>Labidesthes sicculus</i>		
Killifish Family			
banded killifish	<i>Fundulus diaphanus</i>		
starhead topminnow	<i>Fundulus dispar</i>		
plains topminnow	<i>Fundulus sciadicus</i>		
Stickleback Family			
fourspine stickleback ***	<i>Apeltes quadracus</i>		
brook stickleback	<i>Culaea inconstans</i>		
threespine stickleback ***	<i>Gasterosteus aculeatus</i>		
ninespine stickleback	<i>Pungitius pungitius</i>		
Sculpin Family			
mottled sculpin	<i>Cottus bairdi</i>		
slimy sculpin	<i>Cottus cognatus</i>		
spoonhead sculpin	<i>Cottus ricei</i>		
deepwater sculpin	<i>Myoxocephalus thompsoni</i>		
Temperate Bass Family			
white perch ***	<i>Morone americana</i>		
white bass	<i>Morone chrysops</i>		
yellow bass	<i>Morone mississippiensis</i>		
Sunfish Family			
rock bass	<i>Ambloplites rupestris</i>		
green sunfish	<i>Lepomis cyanellus</i>		
pumpkinseed	<i>Lepomis gibbosus</i>		
warmouth	<i>Lepomis gulosus</i>		
orangespotted sunfish	<i>Lepomis humilis</i>		
bluegill	<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>		
longear sunfish	<i>Lepomis megalotis</i>		
smallmouth bass	<i>Micropterus dolomieu</i>		
largemouth bass	<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>		
white crappie	<i>Pomoxis annularis</i>		
black crappie	<i>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</i>		
Perch Family			
western sand darter	<i>Ammocrypta clara</i>		
crystal darter	<i>Crystallaria asprella</i>		
mud darter	<i>Etheostoma asprigene</i>		
rainbow darter	<i>Etheostoma caeruleum</i>		
bluntnose darter	<i>Etheostoma chlorosoma</i>		

lowa darter	<i>Etheostoma exile</i>		
fantail darter	<i>Etheostoma flabellare</i>		
least darter	<i>Etheostoma microperca</i>		
johnny darter	<i>Etheostoma nigrum</i>		
banded darter	<i>Etheostoma zonale</i>		
ruffe ***	<i>Gymnocephalus cernuus</i>		
yellow perch	<i>Perca flavescens</i>		
logperch	<i>Percina caprodes</i>		
gilt darter	<i>Percina evides</i>		
blackside darter	<i>Percina maculata</i>		
slenderhead darter	<i>Percina phoxocephala</i>		
river darter	<i>Percina shumardi</i>		
sauger	<i>Sander canadense</i>		
walleye	<i>Sander vitreus</i>		
Drum Family			
freshwater drum	<i>Aplodinotus grunniens</i>		
Goby Family	<i>Gobiidae</i>		
round goby ***	<i>Neogobius melanostomus</i>		
tubenose goby	<i>Proterorhinus marmoratus</i>		

** indicates a **non-native species** not native to Minnesota waters and *** indicates an **aquatic invasive species** not native to Minnesota waters and one that causes economic or environmental harm or harm to human health. The MN DNR works to help prevent the spread and promote the management of invasive species. Find out more at *Invasive Species in Minnesota* webpage at: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/index.html>

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