

# FEATURES OF SOME COMMON MINNESOTA FISH FAMILIES

## Catfish Family

Barbels (whiskers, not stingers)

Grayish body

Deeply forked tail

Channel catfish

Brown mottled body

Slightly forked or flat tail

Flathead catfish

Mouth with "underbite"

Brown to black body

Slightly forked or flat tail

Black bullhead

No "underbite"

Slightly forked or flat tail

Yellow bullhead

No "underbite"

Yellow barbels

Slightly forked or flat tail

Brown bullhead

No "underbite"

Brown mottled body

## Sunfish Family/Panfish

Black gill flap

Bluegill sunfish

Black gill flap with orange spot

Pumpkinseed sunfish

Black gill flap with yellow to white margin

Bluish-green color

Green sunfish

Silvery body with black spots

Black crappie

Silvery body with black spots arranged in vertical bars

White crappie

## Sunfish Family (continued)

Green body with horizontal dark strip

Jaw past eye

Largemouth bass

Brownish body with vertical dark stripes

Jaw not past eye

Smallmouth bass

**Pike Family**

Rounded tips on tail

Light colored spots on dark body

Duck-billed shaped mouth

Northern Pike

Forked tail

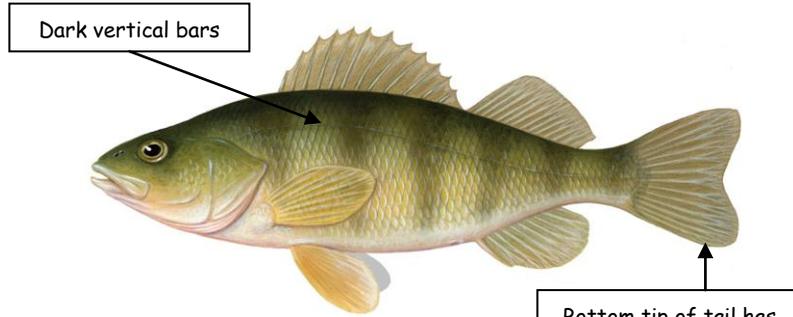
Dark colored spots or bars on light body

Muskellunge

Duck-billed shaped mouth

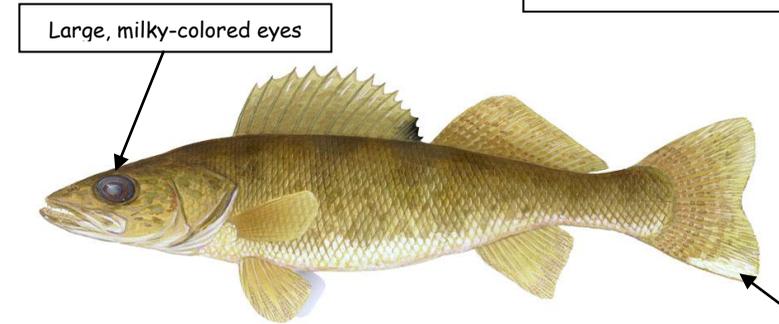


## Perch Family



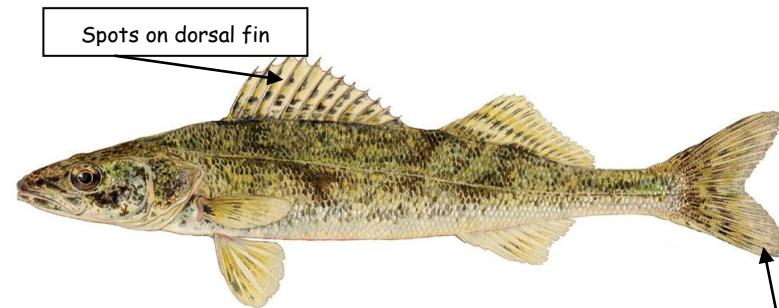
Yellow perch

Bottom tip of tail has no white spot



Walleye  
(Minnesota's State Fish)

Bottom tip of tail has white spot

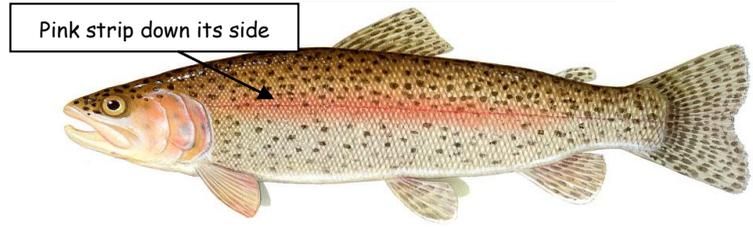


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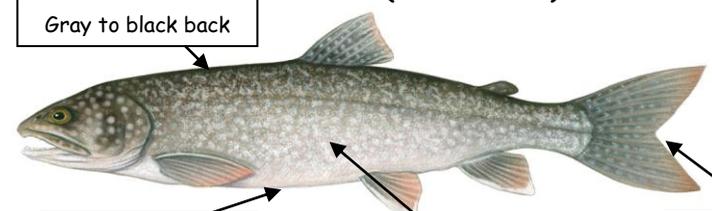
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For more information on Minnesota fishes, please visit:  
<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fishing/index.html>

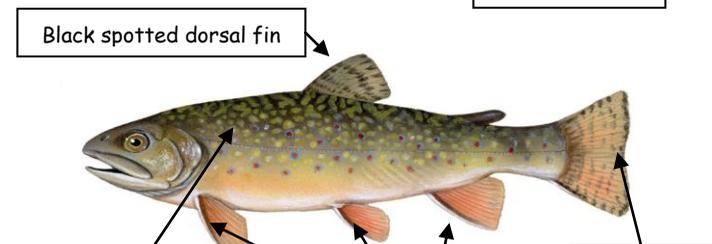
## Salmon/Trout Family



Rainbow trout (non-native)

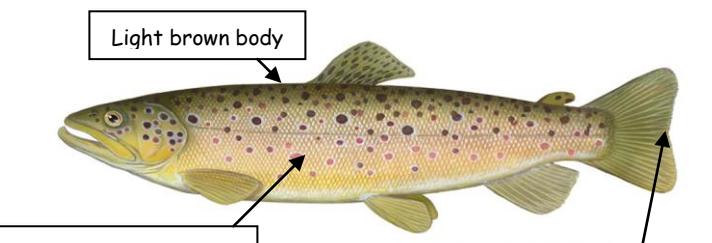


Lake trout



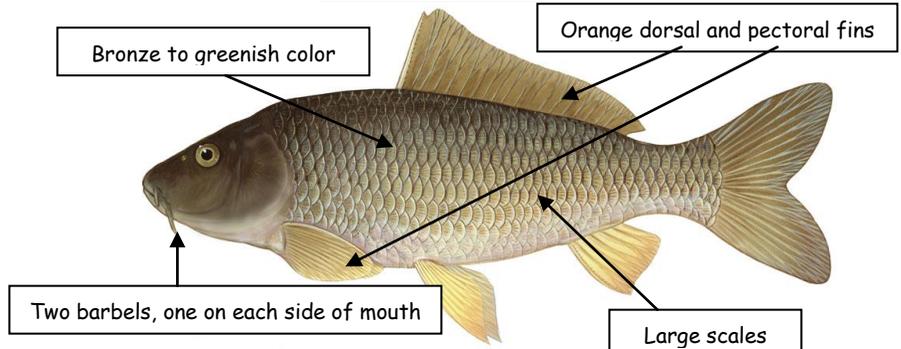
Brook trout

Like Lake trout - Brook trout have white leading edge on bottom fins

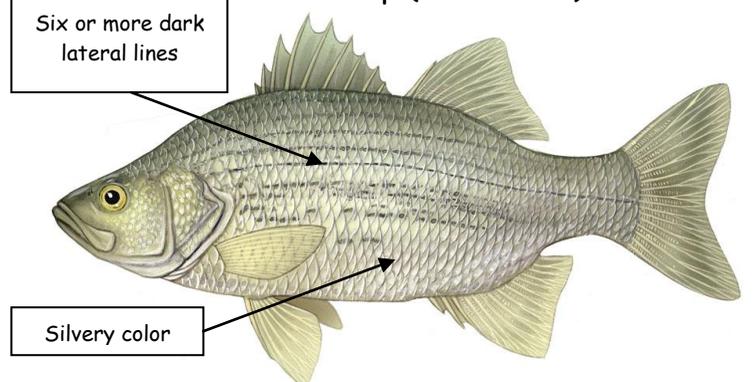


Brown trout (non-native)

## Other Sport Fish

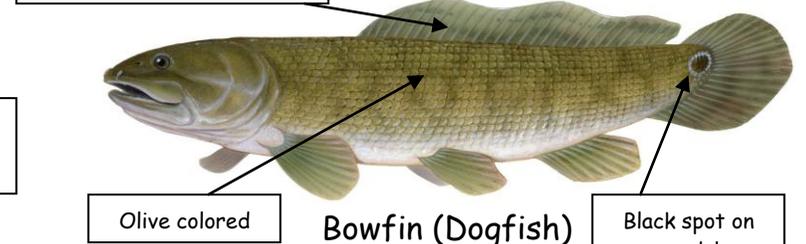


Common carp (non-native)

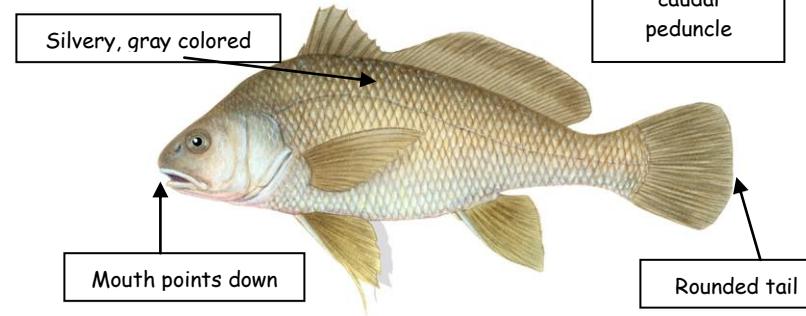


White bass

Long, wavy dorsal fin



Bowfin (Dogfish)



Freshwater drum (Sheephead)