

COMMON SPORTFISH

Sportfish are the fish anglers enjoy catching.



Largemouth Bass

Average Size: 12-18 inches

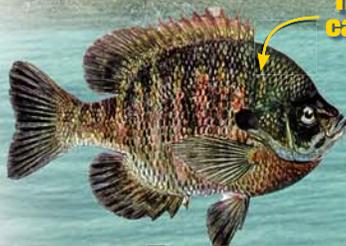
Most popular sportfish in New York State

Freshwater Fish Species

Habitat:

Shallow, weedy ponds and lakes

Usually the first fish caught by kids



Bluegill/Pumpkinseed (sunfish)

Average Size: 5-7 inches



Whiskers, or barbels, help to locate prey along the bottom.



Brown Bullhead

Average Size: 8-12 inches



Yellow Perch

Average Size: 6-12 inches

Fishy Fact: Often travels in schools with others the same size and age.



Chain Pickerel

Average Size: 15-20 inches

Lightning fast speed and razor sharp teeth make this one of the top predators in lakes and ponds.



Family Ties

Scientists group all living things into **"families"** of species that are related to each other. Some fish families look fairly similar, but not always!

Of the fish shown here, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, rock bass, bluegill and pumpkinseed are all related and belong to the **sunfish family**.

Brook trout and **lake trout** are both members of the **trout family**.

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Smallmouth Bass

Average Size: 10-16 inches

Fishy Fact: Pound for pound, the strongest freshwater fish.

Habitat:
Cold water lakes, ponds or streams



Brook Trout

Average Size: 5-9 inches (stream), 9-15 inches (lakes)
Fishy Fact: New York's official state freshwater fish.



Rock Bass

Average Size: 5-10 inches

Habitat:
Cool, deep, rocky areas

Red eyes make this fish look different from any other you might catch.



Lake Trout

Average Size: 15-24 inches

New York's largest native trout, and the trout with the longest lifespan.

The most sought after saltwater gamefish; can grow larger than 70 pounds!

Saltwater Fish Species

Habitat: Saltwater/Marine



Striped Bass

Average Size: 18-36 inches



Makes funny noises when caught

Striped Sea Robin

Average Size: 9-14 inches



Porgy (Scup)

Average Size: 8-14 inches

Fishy Fact: Swims in schools and shows black stripes when stressed.



Summer Flounder (Fluke)

Average Size: 12-24 inches

Easily camouflaged; has a flat body and changes color to match the bottom.



Bluefish

Average Size: 6-20 inches

Fishy Fact: Nickname when small is "snapper"; is a ferocious predator when bigger.