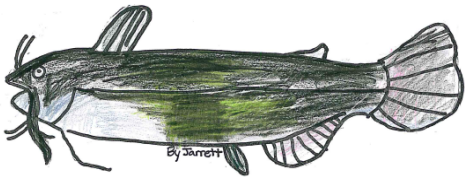


A Colorado Fish Guide

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The Black Bullhead

What fish has barbels and no scales? It is the black bullhead. The black bullhead has a dark olive back and yellowish green sides. It has a barbel mouth and eats alive and dead things. It will also eat plants. This fish is skinny and has a slight hump. It has an adipose fin. It has a rounded dorsal and caudal fin. The black bullhead is 8 to 10 inches long. In fact, the black bullhead lives in lakes and slow moving streams.



The Humpback Chub

What fish has a hump and a pointy head? It is a humpback chub. Did you know the humpback chub is blue with a white belly. Also the humpback chub has a superior mouth and eats insects. In addition, the humpback chub is an elongated fish. On the bottom there is a brownish orange color. Did you know the humpback chub is 12 to 16 inches long?



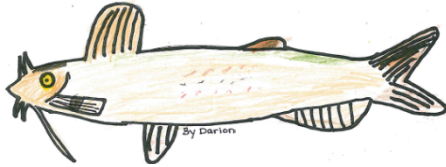
Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout

The Rio Grande Cutthroat trout is the coolest fish in Colorado. Did you know the cutthroat is red-orange with black spots, and a yellow-orange belly. This fish has a terminal mouth and eats aquatic and land insects. The cutthroat trout has a torpedo body. This fish has a spotted dorsal fin and a yellow spotted caudal fin. The Rio Grande cutthroat is 12-13 inches long. Overall, the Rio Grande cutthroat is a native Colorado fish.



The Brook Trout

Trout! Trout! Trout! The brook trout might be found in Colorado. The brook trout has worm like markings. The brook trout can be grey or black. It has a terminal mouth. This fish eats insects, leeches, and crustaceans. The brook trout has a torpedo body shape. Also, this fish has black and pink bottom fins. The brook trout can grow to 8 to 10 inches long. Also, this fish can be found in streams and small lakes. Clearly, the brook trout is a cool fish.



The Channel Catfish

What fish eats fish and has eight barbels? The channel catfish. The channel catfish is mostly grayish with black spots on their sides. Did you know that the channel catfish has barbels? That kind of mouth eats insects and crustaceans. The channel catfish has an elongated body shape. It hides in the rocks and weeds. Also, this fish has a forked caudal fin and an adipose fin. Also it can be 12 to 24 inches long. That's pretty big. The channel catfish lives in medium to large streams or warm lakes that are cloudy.



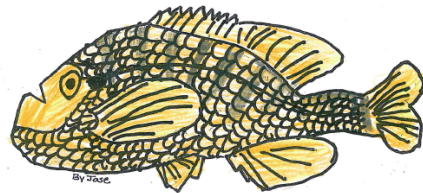
The Northern Pike

The northern! The northern! The northern pike is 18 to 24 inches long. The northern pike is dark green on the back and light green on the sides. The northern pike has an elongated body. It has some black markings on the back fins. The northern pike lives in lakes, streams, and rivers.



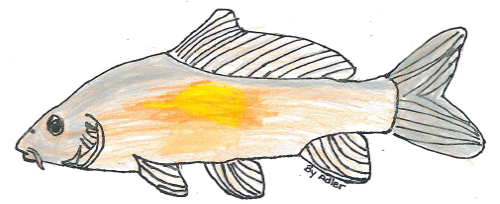
The Black Crappie

Crappie! Crappie! Crappie! It is good to eat. The black crappie has a black back, silver sides and dark green blotches. The black crappie has a superior mouth. It eats small fish. The crappie has an ovate body. Some of the crappies fins are spiky. The caudal fin is rounded. The black crappie is 7 to 12 inches long. In fact the black crappie is cool.



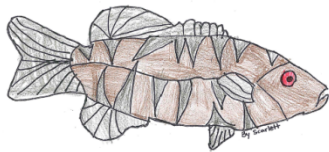
The Green Sunfish

The green sunfish is the best fish to catch in Colorado. The green sunfish is mostly green with a dark green back and dark olive sides. This fish has a superior mouth and eats insects and small fish. Also, this fish has an ovate body shape. The green sunfish has a spiky dorsal fin. Did you know they can grow up to 5-8 inches. You can catch the green sunfish in warm weedy shallow lakes.



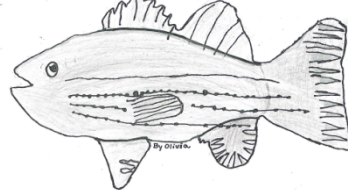
The Common Carp

The common carp is a big fish. The common carp is bronze and dark olive. Also, it has a white belly and side. The common carp has a barbel mouth. It eats insects and other things too. The common carp has a fusiform body. The common carp has a forked caudal fin and has a long dorsal fin. The common carp is 16 to 18 inches long. In fact, you can catch it in streams and lakes.



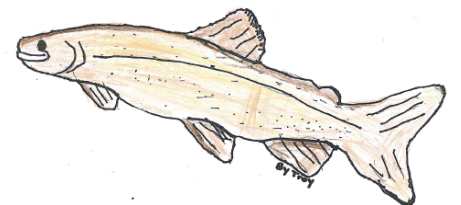
The Smallmouth Bass

Bass! Bass! Bass! The smallmouth bass lives in Colorado. The smallmouth bass has a white belly and a red eye. It has a terminal mouth. This fish eats insects. The smallmouth bass has a fusiform body. This fish has an indented caudal fin. Did you know the smallmouth bass can get up to 10 to 20 inches long. In fact, the smallmouth bass can be found in rivers.



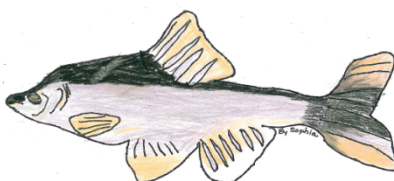
The Wiper

What fish is light gray? The wiper! The wiper has a gray body and 6 to 8 horizontal broken stripes on its body. The Wiper has a superior mouth. It eats bugs and crustaceans. The wiper has a flat body and a small head. Also, this fish has a spiky dorsal fin. This fish has two dorsal fins. Did you know that the wiper is 24 inches long? Clearly the wiper lives in warm water reservoirs.



The Lake Trout

The lake trout is the best. The lake trout has a dark gray head, black top fins and tail. It has white spots. It has a terminal mouth. It eats small fish, insects, and crustaceans. This fish has a torpedo fish body shape. The lake trout has an indented caudal fin. Also, the lake trout is 16 to 24 inches long. In fact, you can catch the lake trout.



The Bonytail

The bonytail is the best fish to catch. The bonytail has a gray back and a white belly. It has a terminal mouth. It eats insects and plants. The bonytail has an elongated body. This fish has a forked caudal fin. This fish can grow up to 24 inches long. This fish can be found in fast moving waterways.



The Bluegill

Blue! Blue! Blue! The bluegill lives in Colorado. The bluegill is orange and has a green back with brown bars. It has a terminal mouth. It eats insects, small fish, leeches, snails, algae, and zooplankton. The bluegill has an ovate body. This fish has a big dorsal fin with spikes. The bluegill is 6 to 9 1/2 inches long. The bluegill is the coolest fish.



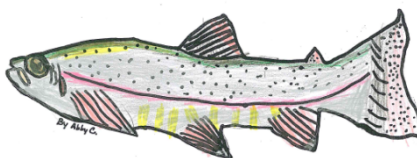
The Saugeye

What fish has sharp teeth and spots? It is the saugeye. The saugeye is silver and has blotches. It has a terminal mouth. It eats little fish and insects. The saugeye has a torpedo body. The saugeye has two dorsal fins, and the first is spiky. The saugeye grows 12 to 18 inches long. In fact, the saugeye can be caught in Colorado lakes.



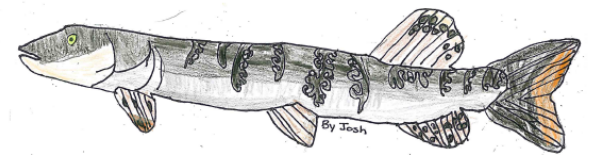
The Arctic Grayling

What fish is skinny? The arctic grayling. The grayling has a silver head, The grayling has a terminal mouth. It eats bugs, fish eggs, crustaceans, and little fish. The grayling has a torpedo body. The grayling has a big dorsal fin. Also, it has a forked caudal fin. Also, the grayling can grow 12-16 inches long. You can catch the grayling in cold lakes.



The Rainbow Trout

The rainbow trout is the most beautiful fish. The rainbow trout is green, pink, silver, yellow, and black. It has a terminal mouth. It eats insects and fish. Also, it has torpedo shaped body. It has an indented caudal fin. The rainbow trout can be 20 inches long. Indeed the rainbow trout is a great fish.



The Tiger Muskie

What fish has lines and is gray? It is the tiger muskie. The tiger muskie is silver with tiger like stripes. It has an elongated mouth. The tiger muskie eats fish. The tiger muskie has a long skinny body. This fish has spots on the dorsal fin. The tiger muskie can grow to 30-42 inches long. You can catch the Tiger Muskie in Colorado.



The Largemouth Bass

What fish is green? A bass. The largemouth bass has a dark green back and side, and a white belly. It has a superior mouth. Did you know the largemouth bass eats fish and leeches. The largemouth bass is a very long. This fish is 12 to 20 inches long. Also, this fish has a spiky dorsal fin. Indeed you can catch the largemouth bass in weedy lakes.



The Splake

The splake is a cool fish. This fish is olive green. Also it has a white belly and worm-like marks. It has a terminal mouth and eats small fish and fish eggs. In addition, it has a fusiform body. This fish has an indented caudal fin. Lastly, the splake is around 16 to 24 inches. Indeed, the splake is cool.



Walleye

The walleye is a cool fish. The walleye is silver on the back and sides. Did you know the walleye has a terminal mouth? It eats small fish and insects. The walleye has a torpedo shaped body. The first dorsal fin is spiky. This fish is 14 to 17 inches long. This fish can be found in large lakes.