



Northern Snakehead

Channa argus

Description:

- ◇ pelvic fins directly behind pectoral fins
- ◇ elongate anal fin
- ◇ brown with dark blotches
- ◇ flattened head
- ◇ eyes located in dorsolateral position
- ◇ anterior nostrils tubular
- ◇ all fins supported by only rays

Size:

- ◇ maximum size exceeds 33 inches

Range:

- ◇ Native range is in China, Russia and Korea but has been found more recently on the East and West coast of the United States.

Facts:

- ◇ prefers stagnant shallow ponds, swamps, slow streams
- ◇ commonly found in muddy substrate or vegetated substrate
- ◇ found in temperatures ranging from 0-30°C
- ◇ 97% of died is other fish species

***The Northern snakehead is considered an invasive species.**

For more information, please visit these websites:

http://njfishandwildlife.org/aquatic_invasives.htm

<http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.aspx?speciesID=2265>

<http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/aquatics/snakehead.shtml>

NORTHERN SNAKEHEAD CATCH TOTALS

Year	Total
2013	1
Grand Total	1

*Northern snakeheads were only caught during the years shown

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