



## WHITE CRAPPIE

*Pomoxis annularis*

### **Description:**

- ◆ very long predorsal region with sharp dip over eye
- ◆ 6 dorsal spines
- ◆ large mouth
- ◆ upper jaw extends under eye
- ◆ gray green above
- ◆ silver sides with 6 to 9 dark vertical bars on sides (wider at the top), dark blotches and green flecks
- ◆ wavy black stripes and spots on unpaired fins

### **Size:**

- ◆ up to 21 inches

### **Range:**

- ◆ native to Great Lakes, Hudson Bay and Mississippi River basins from NY to south Ontario west to Minnesota and South Dakota and south to Gulf of Mexico; widely introduced throughout the US

### **Facts:**

- ◆ inhabit sandy and mud-bottomed pools and backwaters of creeks and rivers; lakes and ponds
- ◆ spawn late spring and early summer
- ◆ males make and guard nests until fry leave
- ◆ females lay a total of 10,000 to 160,000 eggs in one or multiple nests over the season
- ◆ called papermouth due to thin, easily torn membrane behind lips

### **WHITE CRAPPIE CATCH TOTALS**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total</b>
2000	1
2005	15
2006	6
2014	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>23</b>

\*white crappies were only caught during the years shown

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