

Bass	State Record	How to ID
<input type="checkbox"/> Largemouth	16 lbs 8 oz	Jaw extends past eye; spiny and soft dorsal fins barely connect, if at all; usually don't have tooth patch on tongue
<input type="checkbox"/> Spotted	8 lbs 15 oz	Jaw does not extend past eye; spiny and soft dorsal fins connect; usually have tooth patch on tongue; distinct blotching along lateral line
<input type="checkbox"/> Redeye	3 lbs 2 oz	White edging on fins; no strong horizontal black band down sides; usually has tooth patch on tongue
<input type="checkbox"/> Striped	69 lbs 9 oz	Horizontal black lines along body are continuous, sometimes broken; first line below lateral line is complete all the way to tail; two tooth patches on tongue
<input type="checkbox"/> White	4 lbs 9 oz	One tooth patch on tongue; first line below lateral line is broken
<input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid	25 lbs 15 oz	Lateral stripes on lower half of body are very broken; two tooth patches. These fish don't reproduce naturally; they are stocked by ADCNR.

Catfish	State Record	How to ID
<input type="checkbox"/> Channel	40 lbs	Anal fin is curved ("C" for curved and channel) and has less than 30 rays; forked tail
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue	120 lbs 4 oz	Anal fin is straight and has 30+ rays; forked tail
<input type="checkbox"/> Flathead	80 lbs	Head looks like back of shovel; tail not forked; mottled coloring

Crappie	State Record	How to ID
<input type="checkbox"/> White	4 lbs 9 oz	Dark vertical bars; 5 or 6 dorsal spines
<input type="checkbox"/> Black	4 lbs 5 oz	Black spots on side; 7 or 8 dorsal spines

Bream	State Record	How to ID
<input type="checkbox"/> Bluegill	4 lbs 12 oz	Dark vertical bands on side; blue/purple face; yellow/orange belly; black dot on ear
<input type="checkbox"/> Redbreast	1 lb 4 oz	Orange/red belly; bluish green stripes extend back from mouth; edges of soft dorsal and tail fin are yellow/orange
<input type="checkbox"/> Redear/Shellcracker	4 lbs 4 oz	Dull appearance; red edge around ear flap; eat snails
<input type="checkbox"/> Green	1 lbs 9 oz	Orange tipped fins; dark body, usually green; tolerant of poor water quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Longear	8 oz	Long black ear flap with light colored edge; dark colored back transitioning to yellow/orange belly; breeding males have bright blue spots on sides

*In the rare event you catch any of the following fish from the Coosa drainage, contact ADCNR immediately at 334-242-3471 to report it.*

Fish	What to Do with Fish	How to ID
<b>Southern Walleye</b>	Release Alive; cut thumbnail size fin clip from soft fin and freeze	In moving water; black spot behind base of spiny dorsal fin; white tip on lower part of caudal fin; serious teeth!
<b>Smallmouth bass</b>	Do Not Release; these are non-native and compete with natives	No distinct horizontal stripe; mottled appearance; jaw extends to near back of eye; white dot on gill plate

*Fish Consumption Advisories exist on Weiss, Logan Martin and Lay Lakes as well as Choccolocco Creek. Call 1-844-219-7475 to hear advisories before eating fish.*

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 Cut above this line and keep the top part in your wallet or tackle box

The below diagram points out the parts of a fish most frequently mentioned on this ID chart. Note that to count spines of a fin, count each pointy tip. To count rays, count the harder bits that form lines.

