

## Checklist of the Fish of McHenry County, Illinois

Species	Species
Silver Lamprey (streams, parasitic)	Greater Redhorse (medium to large rivers)
American Brook Lamprey (streams, 2 dorsal fins)	River Redhorse (rivers & impoundments)
Lake Sturgeon (extirpated)	Shorthead Redhorse (rivers, streams, & lakes)
Longnose gar (very long bill)	Golden Redhorse (small to large rivers)
Bowfin (large head, cylindrical body)	Silver Redhorse (small to large rivers)
American Eel (an eel from streams and lakes)	Channel Catfish (rivers, and stocked ponds)
Gizzard Shad (big rivers & lakes)	Yellow Bullhead (soft substrates)
Mooneye (deep pools and oxbows of big rivers)	Black Bullhead (pools, backwaters, and sluggish rivers)
Brook Trout (extirpated)	Stonecat (clean water indicator, riffles & shoals)
Central Mudminnow (shallow ponds & streams)	Tadpole Madtom (backwaters, soft substrates)
Grass Pickerel (vegetated waters)	Trout-Perch (lakes, deep rivers and streams)
Northern Pike (clear waters)	Pirate Perch (swamps & high vegetation ponds)
Muskellunge (Fox River, frequently stocked)	Burbot (bottoms of rivers, deep water)
Common Carp (large scales, large size, turbid water)	Banded Killifish (marshes, & ponds by vegetation)
Goldfish (brassy to bright golden color, can be large)	Northern Starhead Topminnow (clean water indicator)
Golden Shiner (common bait species, compressed)	Blackstripe Topminnow (quiet creeks and rivers)
Red-sided Dace (clear & rocky streams)	Brook Silversides (open water in lakes & ponds)
Southern Redbelly Dace (rocky spring fed pools)	Brook Stickleback (headwater streams, near vegetation)
Creek Chub (rocky rivers and streams)	Mottled Sculpin (gravel & rock rivers and streams)
Hornyhead Chub (rocky rivers and streams)	White Bass (rivers, lakes, and ponds)
Central Stoneroller (gravel bottom streams & rivers)	Yellow Bass (pools and backwaters of rivers)
Blacknose Dace (rocky rivers and streams)	Black Crappie (lakes, ponds, and backwaters)
Mississippi Silvery Minnow (pools and backwaters)	White Crappie (lakes, ponds, and backwaters)
Brassy Minnow (sluggish pools in gravel streams)	Rock Bass (vegetation in lakes and rivers)
Striped Shiner (rocky pools near riffles)	Largemouth Bass (common, likes vegetation)
Redfin Shiner (quite or slowly flowing pools)	Smallmouth Bass (rocky, clear, rivers and streams)
Spotfin Shiner (sand and gravel runs)	Warmouth (vegetated ponds with mud bottoms)
Pugnose Minnow (lakes and ponds)	Green Sunfish (pollution indicator, vegetated areas)
Fathead Minnow (common bait, muddy pools )	Bluegill (extremely common, paired stripes on body)
Bluntnose Minnow (clear rocky streams)	Pumpkinseed (vegetated areas)
Bullhead Minnow (quiet pools and runs)	Longear Sunfish (Clean water indicator, rocks & sand sites)
Emerald Shiner (medium to large rivers, clear)	Orangespotted Sunfish (quiet pools in rivers and streams)
Rosyface Shiner (rocky runs and flowing pools)	Walleye (deeper water of lakes, ponds, and backwaters)
River Shiner (medium to large rivers)	Sauger (sand and gravel of rivers and streams)
Bigmouth Shiner (sandy & silty runs and pools)	Yellow Perch (clear water by vegetation, lakes & ponds)
Blackchin Shiner (clear vegetated lakes & streams)	Blackside Darter (headwater streams, gravel or sand)
Weed Shiner (sandy runs and pools, clear water)	Slenderhead Darter (gravel runs and riffles)
Sand Shiner (sand and gravel runs and pools)	Johnny Darter (most common darter, various habitats)
Blacknose Shiner (clear vegetated water over sand)	Banded Darter (rocky riffles of streams and small rivers)
Pallid Shiner (sandy medium to large rivers)	Mud Darter (sluggish riffles)
Bigmouth Buffalo (big river species, large size)	Rainbow Darter (clean water indicator, fast riffles)
Quillback (deep body, rivers & lakes)	Fantail Darter (rocky riffles in streams and small rivers)
Highfin Carpsucker (pools and backwaters of rivers)	Least Darter (quiet vegetated lakes, streams, and rivers)
White Sucker (clear water, many different habitats)	Iowa Darter (clean water indicator, likes vegetation)
Spotted Sucker (long deep pools of rivers)	Orange-throated Darter (clean water indicator, gravel)
Creek Chubsucker (sand & gravel streams & rivers)	Freshwater Drum (bottom of large rivers or lakes)
Lake Chubsucker (lakes, ponds, and sloughs)	
Northern Hogsucker (clean water indicator)	