



# Rock Bass

*Ambloplites rupestris*



<https://www.liberaldictionary.com>

## Description:

- ◆ olive green above, white below
- ◆ adults have greenish silver sides with brassy yellow flecks and horizontal rows of dark spots (darker and larger below lateral line)
- ◆ young has gray sides with dark blotches and brassy yellow flecks
- ◆ black edges of caudal, dorsal and anal fins
- ◆ eye is usually red to red-orange

## Facts:

- ◆ prefer well vegetated clear, fresh waters, but also inhabit vegetated streams, creeks, small to medium rivers and lakes withstand summer temperatures up to 88 degrees, and yet be found under ice during winter months
- ◆ feed on smaller fish, insects and crustaceans
- ◆ spawn in spring
- ◆ males build and guard nests until the fry leave

## Size:

- ◆ up to 17 inches; more commonly under 10 inches

## Range:

- ◆ native to St. Lawrence- Great Lakes, Hudson Bay and Mississippi River basins, from Quebec to Saskatchewan and south to northern Georgia, Alabama and Missouri
- ◆ introduced into Atlantic drainages south to Roanoke River, Virginia, Missouri and Arkansas River drainages, Missouri, Arkansas, southeast Kansas, northeast and some western states

## ROCK BASS CATCH TOTALS

Year	Total
1997	2
1998	9
2002	1
2011	1
2018	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>14</b>

\*rock bass were only caught during the years shown