



White Crappie

Pomoxis annularis



<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP>

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 (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

Year	Total
2000	1
2005	15
2006	6
2014	1
Grand Total	23

*white crappies were only caught during the years shown