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Animal Fact Sheet

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Bluegill

Lepomis macrochirus

A bluegill lake contains at least three kinds of male, and they are not just different in behaviour but on different biological schedules. The "parental" male grows for around seven years, then build…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Centrarchidae
Habitat: Freshwater lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams with vegetation
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 4-6 years
Weight: 0.2–2.0 lbs (90–900 g)
Scientific name: Lepomis macrochirus

Did you know?

- Bluegills have been introduced to many countries outside their native range, sometimes becoming invasive and impacting local aquatic ecosystems.
- Bluegill were introduced to Japan from a 1960 gift of fish to the then-crown prince, later Emperor Akihito, and escaped into the wild, where they bec…

What I learned

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