

Animal Fact Sheet

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Bluegill

Lepomis macrochirus

The Bluegill is a small, freshwater fish native to North America and is recognized by its deep, flattened body and distinct dark spot at the base of the dorsal fin. Bluegills exhibit a beautiful colo...

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.
- Bluegills can change their color intensity depending on their mood or during spawning season. They are also capable of producing a grunting sound usi...

What I learned
