

## Hish Swim

The ponds at Fischer Park were first stocked by the Fischer family to provide a fishing hole close to their home. After the City of New Braunfels acquired the property, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department introduced Channel Catfish in each pond. The ponds also have many native fish such as Large and Small Bluegill, Mosquitofish, Minnows, Largemouth Bass, Warmouth Sunfish, Redear Sunfish, and Green Sunfish.

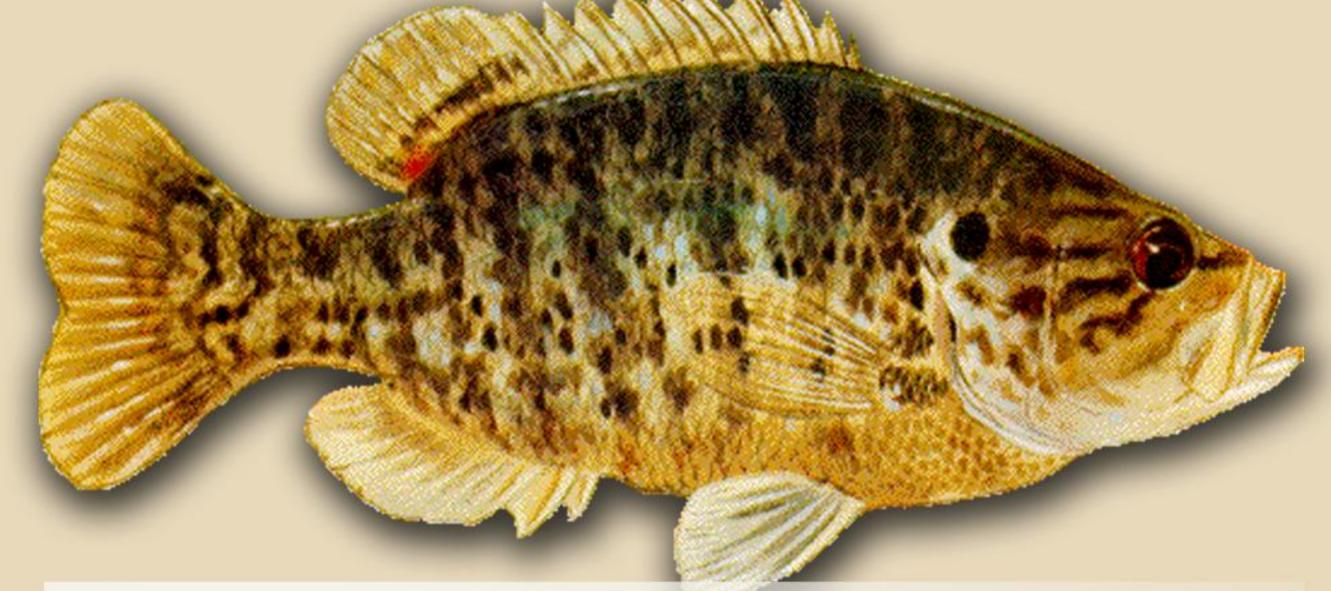




BLUEGILL (Lepomis macrochirus)



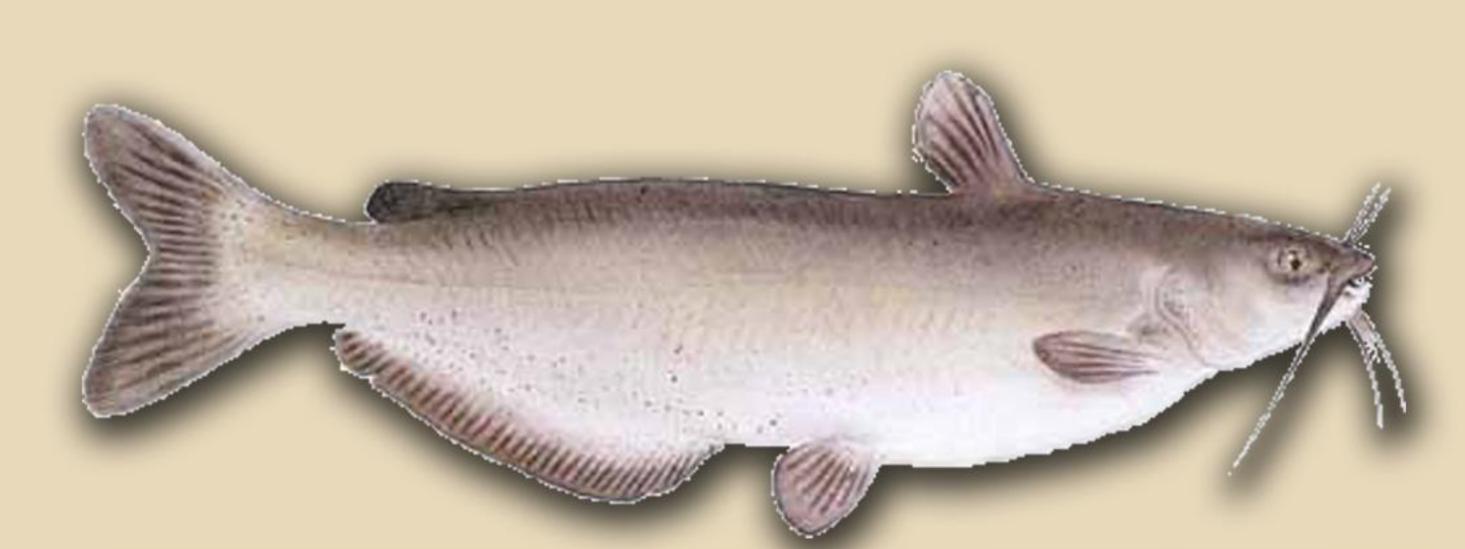
LARGEMOUTH BASS (Micropterus salmoides)



WARMOUTH SUNFISH (Lepomis galosus)



IMAGE SOURCE: USBR.gov



CHANNEL CATFISH (Ictalurus punctatus)



REDEAR SUNFISH (Lepomis microlophus)



GREEN SUNFISH (Lepomis cyanellus)

## 7-rogs Talk

Frogs and toads both produce a rich variety of sounds, calls, and songs during their mating rituals. Callers make sounds to advertise location, attract mates, and defend their territory. Other frogs respond by making return calls, approaching the caller, or by going silent. Frogs have unique calls and sounds depending on their species. Large frogs have deep voices and call at a lower frequency, while small frogs sing in high chirps at higher frequencies. Frogs often send calls through the air, but they can also send calls under water. In some frog species only males sing, but with others both male and females make calls.



IMAGE SOURCE: Hugo Claessen



Male Texas Toads call by making a repeated series of short, strong trills.

Rio Grande

Leopard Frogs

have a loud

rattling call made

by males.

## Turtles Paddle

The ponds at Fischer Park provide a clean and healthy environment with plenty of food, shelter, and hiding places, ideal for wild pond turtles. Pond climate is important to turtles because their body temperature is directly related to the temperature of their environment. In order to keep their temperature between 75 and 90 degrees, turtles move around throughout the day. You may see them settled on logs or rocks to warm up from the sun or sliding into the water to cool off. Climate also influences a turtle's gender, which is dependent on the temperature of where their eggs are located. Females hatch from eggs in warmer temperatures, and males from cooler temperatures. However, climate changes make it harder for nests to be exposed to different temperatures. As a result, more female turtles are hatching than males.





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