

Spinus pinus
Spinus tristis
Loxia curvirostra
Chlorura chlorura

Pipilo erythrophthalmus

Calamospiza melanocorys

Poecetes gramineus
Chondestes grammacus
Junco oreganus
Spizella passerina
Spizella breweri
Zonotrichia leucophrys
Melospiza lincolni

Melospiza melodia

Pine Siskin (Common)
American Goldfinch (Common)
Red Crossbill (Ice Cave)
Green-tailed Towhee
(Lost Creek)
Rufous-sided Towhee
(Lost Creek)
Lark Bunting
(1 mile East of Pryor)
Vesper Sparrow (Common)
Lark Sparrow (Common)
Oregon Junco (Common)
Chipping Sparrow (Common)
Brewer's Sparrow (Ice Cave)
White-crowned Sparrow (Common)
Lincoln's Sparrow
(Upper Sage Cr.)
Song Sparrow (Common)

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A PRELIMINARY LIST OF MONTANA FISHES*

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The only published list of Montana fishes which includes the whole state is that of Henshall (1906). This gave 13 families and 45 species, nine of which were introduced. Schultz (1941) reported eight families and 23 species for Glacier National Park. Five of these were exotic to the state. Weisel (1955) listed 11 families and 29 species for the intermountain area of Montana and these included 12 introduced species. The following list comprises 17 families and 75 species. Fifty species are considered native while 25 species representing six families are probably foreign to the original fish fauna of Montana. Only two families, the Esocidae with one species, and the Poeciliidae with two species, are wholly exotic. Other species not listed are known to have been introduced but have failed to become established in the wild.

A considerable number of subspecies has been reported by various workers but these are not included because the validity of most are still in doubt. Hybrids between species and genera are also omitted even though a considerable number of them are known from wild populations. The order of arrangement and nomenclature follow the nomenclature of the American Fisheries Society (1960).

This Montana list is based on approximately 800 collections, including more than 75,000 specimens, taken from the various streams and lakes throughout the state. Fair coverage was made of all drainages within Montana but collecting was more intensive east of the Continental Divide. The distribution of species is shown for the five major drainages: Yellowstone, Missouri, St. Mary, Clark Fork and Kootenai. Details of distribution will be presented at a later time. Only three species (white sturgeon, bigmouth buffalo and sturgeon dace) are included in the list which are not represented by actual collections, but their presence in the state is quite indisputable. Most of the specimens collected are deposited at Montana State College, where they are available for study.

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<u>Families of Montana Fishes</u>			<u>Number of Species</u>
1.	Acipenseridae	- Sturgeon	3
2.	Polyodontidae	- Paddlefish	1
3.	Lepisosteidae	- Gar	1
4.	Salmonidae	- Salmon	13
5.	Hiodontidae	- Mooneye	1
6.	Esocidae	- Pike	1
7.	Cyprinidae	- Minnow	20
8.	Catostomidae	- Sucker	9
9.	Ictaluridae	- Catfish	4
10.	Cyprinodontidae	- Killifish	1
11.	Poeciliidae	- Topminnow	2
12.	Gadidae	- Cod	1
13.	Gasterosteidae	- Stickelback	1
14.	Centrarchidae	- Sunfish	8
15.	Percidae	- Perch	4
16.	Scianidae	- Drum	1
17.	Cottidae	- Sculpin	4
			75

List of Species

1.	Acipenseridae		
	<u>Acipenser transmontanus</u>	White sturgeon	K°
	(Richardson)		
	<u>Scaphirhynchus albus</u>	Pallid sturgeon	Y, M
	(Forbes and Richardson)		
	<u>Scaphirhynchus platyrhynchus</u>	Shovelnose sturgeon	Y, M
	(Rafinesque)		
2.	Polyodontidae		
	<u>Polyodon spathula</u> (Walbaum)	Paddlefish	M
3.	Lepisosteidae		
	<u>Lepisosteus platostomus</u>	Shortnose gar	M
	(Rafinesque)		

°Y - Yellowstone drainage; M - Missouri drainage;
S - St. Mary drainage; C - Clark Fork drainage (of
Columbia River); K - Kootenai drainage.

4. Salmonidae

* <u>Coregonus clupeaformis</u>	Lake whitefish	C, S
(Mitchill)		
<u>Prosopium williamsoni</u>	Mountain whitefish	All
(Girard)		
<u>Prosopium coulteri</u>	Pygmy whitefish	C
(Eigenmann & Eigenmann)		
* <u>Oncorhynchus nerka</u>	Kokanee	M, Y, C, S
(Walbaum)		
* <u>Oncorhynchus kisutch</u>	Coho salmon	C
(Walbaum)		
* <u>Salmo aquabonita</u> (Jordan)	Golden trout	M, Y, C, X
<u>Salmo clarki</u> (Richardson)	Cutthroat trout	All
* <u>Salmo gairdneri</u>	Rainbow trout	All
(Richardson)		
* <u>Salmo trutta</u> (Linnaeus)	Brown trout	All
* <u>Salvelinus fontinalis</u>	Brook trout	All
(Mitchill)		
<u>Salvelinus malma</u> (Walbaum)	Dolly varden	C, S
<u>Salvelinus namaycush</u>	Lake trout	M, C, S
(Walbaum)		
<u>Thymallus arcticus</u>	Arctic grayling	M, C, S
(Pallas)		

5. Hiodontidae

<u>Hiodon alosoides</u>	Goldeye	Y, M
(Rafinesque)		

6. Esocidae

* <u>Esox lucius</u> (Linnaeus)	Northern pike	Y, M, C, S
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7. Cyprinidae

* <u>Carassius auratus</u>	Goldfish	M
(Linnaeus)		
* <u>Cyprinus carpio</u> (Linnaeus)	Carp	All
<u>Chrosomus eos</u> (Cope)	Northern redbelly dace	M
* <u>Gila atraria</u> (Girard)	Utah chub	M
<u>Hybognathus hankinsoni</u>	Brassy minnow	M
(Hubbs)		
<u>Hybognathus nuchalis</u>	Silvery minnow	Y, M
(Agassiz)		
<u>Hybognathus placitus</u>	Northern plains minnow	Y, M
(Girard)		
<u>Hybopsis gracilis</u>	Flathead chub	Y, M
(Richardson)		

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7. Cyprinidae (cont'd)

<u>Hybopsis plumbea</u> (Agassiz)	Lake chub	Y, M, S
<u>Hybopsis gelida</u> (Girard)	Sturgeon chub	Y
<u>Mylocheilus caurinus</u> (Richardson)	Peamouth	C, K
<u>Notemigonus crysoleucas</u> (Mitchill)	Golden shiner	M
<u>Notropis atherinoides</u> (Rafinesque)	Emerald shiner	Y, M
<u>Notropis stramineus</u> (Cope)	Sand shiner	Y, M
<u>Pimephales promelas</u> (Rafinesque)	Fathead minnow	Y, M
<u>Ptychocheilus oregonensis</u> (Richardson)	Northern squaw-fish	C
<u>Rhinichthys cataractae</u> (Valenciennes)	Longnose dace	All
<u>Richardsonius balteatus</u> (Richardson)	Redside shiner	C, K
<u>Semotilus atromaculatus</u> (Mitchill)	Creek chub	Y, M
<u>Semotilus margarita</u> (Cope)	Pearl dace	Y, M, S

8. Catostomidae

<u>Carpiodes carpio</u> (Rafinesque)	River carpsucker	Y, M
<u>Catostomus catostomus</u> (Forster)	Longnose sucker	All
<u>Catostomus commersoni</u> (Lacepede)	White sucker	Y, M, S
<u>Catostomus macrocheilus</u> (Girard)	Largescale sucker	C, K
<u>Cycleptus elongatus</u> (LeSueur)	Blue sucker	M
<u>Ictiobus cyprinellus</u> (Valenciennes)	Bigmouth buffalo	M
<u>Ictiobus bubalus</u> (Rafinesque)	Smallmouth buffalo	M
<u>Moxostoma macrolepidotum</u> (LeSueur)	Northern redhorse	Y, M
<u>Pantosteus platyrhynchus</u> (Cope)	Mountain sucker	Y, M

9. Ictaluridae

<u>*Ictalurus melas</u> (Rafinesque)	Black bullhead	M, Y, C
<u>*Ictalurus natalis</u> (LeSueur)	Yellow bullhead	Y, C

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9. Ictaluridae (cont'd)

<u>Ictalurus punctatus</u> (Rafinesque)	Channel catfish	Y, M
<u>Noturus flavus</u> (Rafinesque)	Stonecat	Y, M

10. Cyprinodontidae

<u>Fundulus diaphanus</u> (LeSueur)	Banded killifish	Y
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11. Poeciliidae

<u>*Gambusia affinis</u> (Baird and Girard)	Mosquitofish	C
<u>*Xiphophorus variatus</u> (Meek)	Platy	M

12. Gadidae

<u>Lota lota</u> (Linnaeus)	Burbot	M, Y, K
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13. Gasterosteidae

<u>Eucalia inconstans</u> (Kirtland)	Brook stickleback	Y, M
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14. Centrarchidae

<u>*Ambloplites rupestris</u> (Rafinesque)	Rock bass	Y
<u>*Lepomis cyanellus</u> (Rafinesque)	Green sunfish	Y
<u>*Lepomis gibbosus</u> (Linnaeus)	Pumpkinseed	Y, M, C
<u>*Lepomis macrochirus</u> (Rafinesque)	Bluegill	Y, M
<u>*Micropterus dolomieu</u> (Lacepede)	Smallmouth bass	C
<u>*Micropterus salmoides</u> (Lacepede)	Largemouth bass	Y, M, C
<u>*Pomoxis annularis</u> (Rafinesque)	White crappie	Y, M
<u>*Pomoxis nigromaculatus</u> (LeSueur)	Black crappie	Y, M

15. Percidae

<u>Etheostoma exile</u> (Girard)	Iowa darter	Y, M
<u>*Perca flavescens</u> (Mitchill)	Yellow perch	All
<u>Stizostedion canadense</u> (Smith)	Sauger	Y, M
<u>*Stizostedion vitreum</u> (Mitchill)	Walleye	Y, M

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16. Sciaenidae

<u>Aplodinotus grunniens</u> (Rafinesque)	Freshwater drum	Y, M
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17. Cottidae

<u>Cottus bairdi</u> (Girard)	Mottled sculpin	All
<u>Cottus cognatus</u> (Richardson)	Slimy sculpin	C
<u>Cottus rhotheus</u> (Rosa Smith)	Torrent sculpin	K
<u>Cottus ricei</u> (Nelson)	Spoonhead sculpin	S

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