



Smallmouth Buffalo *Ictiobus bubalus*

<http://www.outdooralabama.com/fishing/images/Bufalosmallmouth400A.jpg>

Characteristics

- **deep body; depth ~ 3X standard length; short snout** (compare to quillback)
- **long, sickle-shaped dorsal fin; anterior lobe ~ 3X length of shortest dorsal rays**
- **mouth large** (maxillary ~ 2X eye diameter) & **subterminal**
- **gray or dark olive in color** (not silvery like quillback)
- **olive to black fins; yellow to white belly**

Ecology and Distribution

- **pools, backwaters, & main channels of rivers; also lakes**
- **reported in Le Boeuf Lake by PA Fish & Boat Commission;**

