

# Channel Catfish

*Ictalurus punctatus*



<http://fish.dnr.cornell.edu/nyfish/Ictaluridae/channelcatfish.html>

## Characteristics

- large, spotted body w/ deeply forked tail
- elongate body compared to bullheads
- sharp dorsal and pectoral spines
- gray to slate-blue colored

## Ecology and Distribution

- warm, large streams, big rivers, ponds, lakes, and reservoirs
- typically only in mainstream and largest tributaries in FCW
- stocked in Sugar Lake