



## **Green Sunfish** *Lepomis cyanellus*

### **Characteristics**

- **thick-bodied sunfish w/ large mouth** (upper jaw reaches about middle of eye)
- **adult has large black spot at rear of dorsal and anal fin bases**; yellow/orange edges on dorsal, caudal, & anal fins
- **green, wavy lines on cheek and opercle**; pectoral fin rounded
- **short ear flap**; stiff rear edge of gill cover (excluding ear flap)

### **Ecology and Distribution**

- **quiet pools and backwaters of sluggish streams**; lakes & ponds
- **tolerant of degraded water quality**



<http://www.clemson.edu/cef/fish%20images/greensunfish.jpg>