



<http://www.cnr.vt.edu/efish/families/longearsun.html>

Longear Sunfish

Lepomis megalotis

Characteristics

- deep & slab-sided sunfish w/ moderate sized mouth upper jaw almost reaching eye
- long ear flap (especially adult male); wavy blue lines on cheek and opercle
- short & rounded pectoral fin (vs. narrow, pointed pectoral on pumpkinseed)
- spinous dorsal w/ 10 spines

Ecology and Distribution

- rocky & sandy pools of headwaters, creeks & small rivers; usually near vegetation



<http://www.samford.edu/schools/artsci/biology/zoology/vertzoo-05s/pages/16.htm>