



Smallmouth Bass *Micropterus dolomieu*

Characteristics

- **streamlined sunfish w/ large mouth upper jaw almost reaches rear margin of eye**
(largemouth bass w/ mouth reaching past eye)
- **dark brown body w/ bronze specks coalescing into bars on yellow-green side**
- **red eyes** (largemouth w/ brown eyes); **diagonal brown streaks on operculum**
- **13-14 dorsal rays; 11 anal rays**

Ecology and Distribution

- **clear, gravel-bottom runs & flowing pools of small large rivers; shallow rocky areas of lakes**

