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White Crappie *Pomoxis annularis*



Characteristics

- long pre-dorsal region arched with sharp dip over eye
- dorsal fin base shorter than distance from eye to dorsal fin origin (black crappie w/ dorsal fin base as long as distance from eye to dorsal fin origin)
- 6 dorsal spines, 1st much shorter than last (black crappie w/ 7-8 dorsal spines)
- vertical black bars on sides (black crappie w/ irregularly arranged black speckles & blotches on sides)
- large mouth; upper jaw extends under eye; deep, extremely compressed body

Ecology and Distribution

- sand and mud-bottomed pools and backwaters of creeks and small-large rivers, lakes, & ponds; often in turbid water