

Canada. Some of the species build nests, and all are voracious and gamey. We have several species of this family in our tanks.

**Grass Bass.** *Pomoxis sparoides*,

Body oblong compressed, the profile comparatively even; fins very high; silvery olive, much mottled with clear green; vertical fins, with green reticulations around pale spots.

**Rock Bass, Red Eye.** *Amploplites rupestris*.

Body oblong; eye very large, iris red; olive green; sides brassy, much mottled with dark green; young with blackish bars adult with rows of dark spots along sides. Living among rocks.

**Common Sun Fish.** *Lepomis gibbosus*.

Known by a number of names—Bream, Pond Fish, Pumpkinseed, Sunny, etc. Body flattened; eye large, the maxillary or outer bone of the upper jaw reaching its front; cheeks with four rows of scales; spines moderate; pectoral fins scarcely larger than head; opercular spot bright scarlet, moderate; greenish olive; the sides profusely mottled with orange; dorsal fin bluish orange, spotted. An exceedingly common fish in our lakes and rivers, rare south-west. A very beautiful and compact fish, and the joy of the amateur fisherman.

**Black Bass.** *Micropterus dolomieu*.

Small-mouthed Bass. Mouth moderate, the maxillary in the adult not extending beyond eye; scales small; young more or less barred or spotted, never with a black lateral band. Body ovate-oblong, growing deep with age; dorsal fin less deeply notched than in the large-mouthed species; coloration variable; the young, dull golden green, with darker spots on sides, which tend to cluster in short vertical bars; three bronze bands across cheeks; caudal fin yellowish, next black, with a white tip; dorsal with bronze spots; adult nearly uniform green.

The Black Bass is eminently an American citizen, asserting his presence and making himself completely at home wherever placed, his preference being clear and running streams. Plucky, unyielding, he holds out to the last when hooked. As a table fish he holds a deservedly high place.