



## Aquarium Tour

### Blathers



The bluegill is incredibly common.  
A bit too common, depending upon where you are.

They eat anything that fits in their  
mouths and are highly adaptable.  
The bane of fishermen in some areas,  
bluegill is often the only fish to be caught!

But looking in its wee beady eyes,  
I must say I see no ill will in it...

## Bluegill

### Aquarium Staff

Bluegill live in freshwater ponds,  
lakes, and slow-moving streams.  
They live around sunken trees,  
docks, and piers, as well as in  
grass beds and along shorelines.  
Bluegill are sometimes called  
bream, panfish, or perch. They eat  
small insects and larvae.



Comic Mischief

Animal Crossing is a trademark of Nintendo.



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Arizona

1. Admissions
2. Freshwater
3. Tide Pools
4. Harbor
5. Shoaling Ring
6. Bay of Rays
7. Ship Wreck
8. Critter Canyon

You Are Here!

9. Ocean View
10. Sea Turtle Rescue Reef
11. Sea Horse Temple
12. Ocean Tunnel
13. Jellyfish
14. Conservation Room
15. Play Zone
16. SEA LIFE Gift Shop





# Red-Eared Slider

*Trachemys scripta elegans*

## Habitat

Rivers, lakes, wetlands of eastern North America

## Threats

Habitat destruction

## Conservation Status

Not evaluated



## Fun Fact

Red-eared sliders have become one of the most invasive species in the world due to pet releases outside their native range!



# Yellowbelly Slider

*Trachemys scripta scripta*

## Habitat

Rivers, lakes, wetlands of southeastern North America

## Threats

Habitat destruction

## Conservation Status

Not evaluated



## Fun Fact

As their name implies, their plastron (bottom shell) is yellow with some black spots!





# Bluegill Sunfish

*Lepomis macrochirus*

## Habitat

Rivers & lakes of eastern North America

## Threats

Habitat destruction, overfishing

## Conservation Status

Least concern



## Fun Fact

Sunfish are important prey species for larger fish, turtles, birds, and otters!



# Goldfish

*Carassius auratus*

## Habitat

Freshwater lakes and rivers of China

## Threats

Habitat destruction, home aquarium trade

## Conservation Status

Least concern



## Fun Fact

Originally native to China, goldfish have become popular aquarium fish. As a result, they've been released into the wild and invasive in North America & Australia.





# Green Sunfish

*Lepomis cyanellus*

## Habitat

Lakes and ponds of eastern North America

## Threats

Habitat destruction, overfishing

## Conservation Status

Least concern



## Fun Fact

Green sunfish often spend their time around rocks, plants, and underwater logs for protection from predators! *Lepomis cyanellus*



# Longear Sunfish

*Lepomis megalotis*

## Habitat

Rivers and lakes of eastern North America

## Threats

Habitat destruction, overfishing

## Conservation Status

Least concern



## Fun Fact

Longear sunfish diets include insects, invertebrates, and smaller fish!





# Roundtail Chub

*Gila robusta*

## Habitat

Rivers and streams of southwestern North America

## Threats

Habitat destruction, invasive species

## Conservation Status

Vulnerable



## Fun Fact

Roundtail chubs are predators, eating fish, crayfish, insects, and even frogs!



# Redtail Splitfin

*Xenotoca eiseni*

## Habitat

Shallow springs, lakes, rivers of west-central Mexico

## Threats

Habitat destruction

## Conservation Status

Endangered



## Fun Fact

Only males have the red-orange tail that gives the species its name!





# Redear Sunfish

*Lepomis microlophus*

## Habitat

Rivers & lakes of eastern North America

## Threats

Habitat destruction, overfishing

## Conservation Status

Least concern



## Fun Fact

Sometimes called 'shellcrackers,' they love to eat prey with hard shells like snails and mussels!



# Black Crappie

*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*

## Habitat

Rivers & lakes of eastern North America

## Threats

Habitat destruction, overfishing

## Conservation Status

Least concern



## Fun Fact

This species is known by many names, including calico bass, moonfish, and strawberry bass!

