



FISH CHECKLIST

Mecklenburg County, NC: 72 species

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Tolerance (Listed 1st)

I: Intolerant, M: Intermediate, T: Tolerant

Trophic Guild (Listed 2nd) I: Insectivore, F: Piscivore, O: Omnivore, P: Planktivore, H: Herbivore

Aphredoderidae: Pirate Perch

- Pirate Perch (*Aphredoderus sayanus*) I, I

Amiidae: Bowfin

- Bowfin (*Amia calva*) T, F

Anguillidae: Eels

- American Eel¹ (*Anguilla rostrata*) T, F

Catostomidae: Sunfish

- Quillback² (*Carpiodes cyprinus*) I, O
- Atlantic Highfin Carpsucker^{1,4} (*Carpiodes sp. cf. velifer*) I, I
- White Sucker (*Catostomus commersonii*) T, O
- Eastern Creek Chubsucker (*Erimyzon oblongus*) I, O
- Smallmouth Buffalo² (*Ictiobus bubalus*) I, I
- Bigmouth Buffalo² (*Ictiobus cyprinellus*) I, I
- Silver Redhorse (*Moxostoma anisurum*) I, I
- Shorthead Redhorse (*Moxostoma macrolepidotum*) I, I
- V-lip Redhorse (*Moxostoma pappilosum*) I, I
- Brassy Jumprock⁶ (*Moxostoma sp. 4*) I, I
- Striped Jumprock (*Moxostoma rupiscartes*) I, I
- Redbreast Sunfish (*Lepomis auritus*) T, I
- Green Sunfish⁵ (*Lepomis cyanellus*) T, I
- Pumpkinseed (*Lepomis gibbosus*) I, I
- Warmouth (*Lepomis gulosus*) I, I
- Bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*) I, I
- Redear Sunfish⁵ (*Lepomis microlophus*) I, I
- Largemouth Bass (*Micropterus salmoides*) I, F

Smallmouth Bass

(*Micropterus dolomieu*) I, F

White Crappie⁵ (*Pomoxis annularis*) I, F

Black Crappie (*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*) I, F

Clupeidae: Shad

- Gizzard Shad (*Dorosoma cepedianum*) I, P
- Threadfin Shad⁵ (*Dorosoma petenense*) I, P

Cyprinidae: Carp and Minnows

- Goldfish⁵ (*Carassius auratus*) T, O
- Rosyside Dace (*Clinostomus funduloides*) I, I
- Grass Carp⁵ (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*) I, H
- Satinfin Shiner (*Cyprinella analostana*) I, I
- Greenfin Shiner (*Cyprinella chloristia*) I, I
- Whitefin Shiner (*Cyprinella nivea*) I, I
- Fieryblack Shiner (*Cyprinella pyrrhomelas*) I, I
- Santee Chub³ (*Cyprinella zanema*) M, I
- Common Carp⁵ (*Cyprinus carpio*) T, O
- Silvery Minnow (*Hybognathus regius*) M, H
- Highback Chub (*Hybopsis hypsinotus*) I, I
- Bluehead Chub (*Nocomis leptocephalus*) M, O
- Golden Shiner (*Notemigonus crysoleucas*) M, O
- Whitemouth Shiner (*Notropis alborus*) M, I
- Highfin Shiner (*Notropis altipinnis*) M, I
- Redlip Shiner (*Notropis chiliticus*) M, I
- Greenhead Shiner (*Notropis chlorocephalus*) M, I
- Dusky Shiner (*Notropis cummingsae*) M, I
- Spottail Shiner (*Notropis hudsonius*) I, O
- Coastal Shiner (*Notropis petersoni*) M, I
- Swallowtail Shiner (*Notropis procne*) M, I
- Sandbar Shiner (*Notropis scepticus*) M, I
- Creek Chub (*Semotilus atromaculatus*) M, O

Esocidae: Pike

- Redfin Pickerel (*Esox americanus*) M, F

Fundulidae: Killifishes

- Speckled Killifish (*Fundulus rathbuni*) M, I

Ictaluridae: Catfish

- Snail Bullhead (*Ameiurus brunneus*) M, I
- White Catfish (*Ameiurus catus*) T, O
- Black Bullhead⁵ (*Ameiurus melas*) T, I
- Yellow Bullhead (*Ameiurus natalis*) T, O
- Brown Bullhead (*Ameiurus nebulosus*) T, O
- Flat Bullhead (*Ameiurus platycaphalus*) T, I
- Blue Catfish⁵ (*Ictalurus furcatus*) M, F
- Channel Catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*) M, O
- Margined Madtom (*Noturus insignis*) M, I
- Flathead Catfish (*Pylodictis olivaris*) M, F

Lepisosteidae: Gar

- Longnose Gar (*Lepisosteus osseus*) T, F

Moronidae: Temperate Basses

- White Bass⁵ (*Morone chrysops*) M, F
- Striped Bass (*Morone saxatilis*) M, F

Percidae: Perch

- Carolina Darter^{1,4} (*Etheostoma collis*) M, I
- Fantail Darter³ (*Etheostoma flabellare*) M, I
- Swamp Darter (*Etheostoma fusiforme*) M, I
- Tessellated Darter (*Etheostoma olmstedii*) M, I
- Yellow Perch (*Perca flavescens*) M, F
- Piedmont Darter (*Percina crassa*) I, I

Poeciliidae: Guppies, Mollies, Gambusia

- Eastern Mosquitofish (*Gambusia holbrooki affinis*) T, I

Umbridae: Mudminnows

- Eastern Mudminnow (*Unbra pygmaea*) M, I

(Common Sport Species are bold)

¹U.S. Federal Species of Concern, ²NC Significantly Rare, ³NC Watch List, ⁴NC Species of Special Concern, ⁵Not native,

⁶Undescribed species/taxon.

Note: There is an April 19, 2009, record for Blotched Snakehead (*Channa maculata*). It is an exotic species from Asia.

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