

FISH ID MAZE

Use your packet of terms and diagrams to help identify your fish!

STOP 1

a. Fish has an
adipose
fin.....go
to 2(Ictalurids)

b. Fish does not
have an
adipose
fin.....go to 4

STOP 2 Ictalurids (Catfish Family)

a. Fish has an adipose fin that is attached to its caudal fin.....Tadpole
Madtom

b. Fish has an adipose fin that is separate from its caudal fin.....
.go to 3

STOP 3

• Fish has a forked tail.....
.....Channel
Catfish

b. Fish does not have a forked tail.....
Black Bullhead

STOP 4

a. Fish has
two dorsal
fin.....

.....

go to 5
Percids

b. Fish has
one dorsal
fin.....

.....go

to 6

STOP 5 Percids (Perch Family)

Fish has large
black blotches
along its
body.....

Blackside
Darter

b. Fish does
not have large
black blotches
along its
body.....
....Iowa Darter

STOP 6

a. Fish has one dorsal fin set directly above its anal fin.....Northern Pike (**Esocids**)

b. Dorsal fin is set in front of anal fin.....
.....go to 7

STOP 7

a. Fish has a subterminal (ventral) mouth and large fleshy lips... White Sucker (**Catostomids**)

b. Fish does not have a subterminal (ventral) mouth and large fleshy lips... go to 8 (Cyprinids)

STOP 8 Cyprinids (Minnow Family)

a. Fish has a subterminal (ventral) mouth with a large fleshy snout.....Long Nose Dace

b. Fish does not have a subterminal (ventral) mouth.....
.....go to 9

STOP 9

a. Fish has
barbels.....
.....Commo
n Carp

b. Fish does not
have
barbels.....
.....go to 10

STOP 10

a. Fish has a spot
on its dorsal
fin.....
.....go to 11

b. Fish does not
have a spot on
its dorsal
fin.....
...Sand Shiner

STOP 11

a. Fish has a spot
on its caudal
fin.....Creek
Chub

b. Fish does not
have a spot on its
caudal fin.....go
to 12

STOP 12

a. Fish has shiny silver scales and an almost superior mouth.....
.....Spotfin Shiner

b. Fish does not have shiny silver scales and has a very small mouth...Fathead Minnow









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