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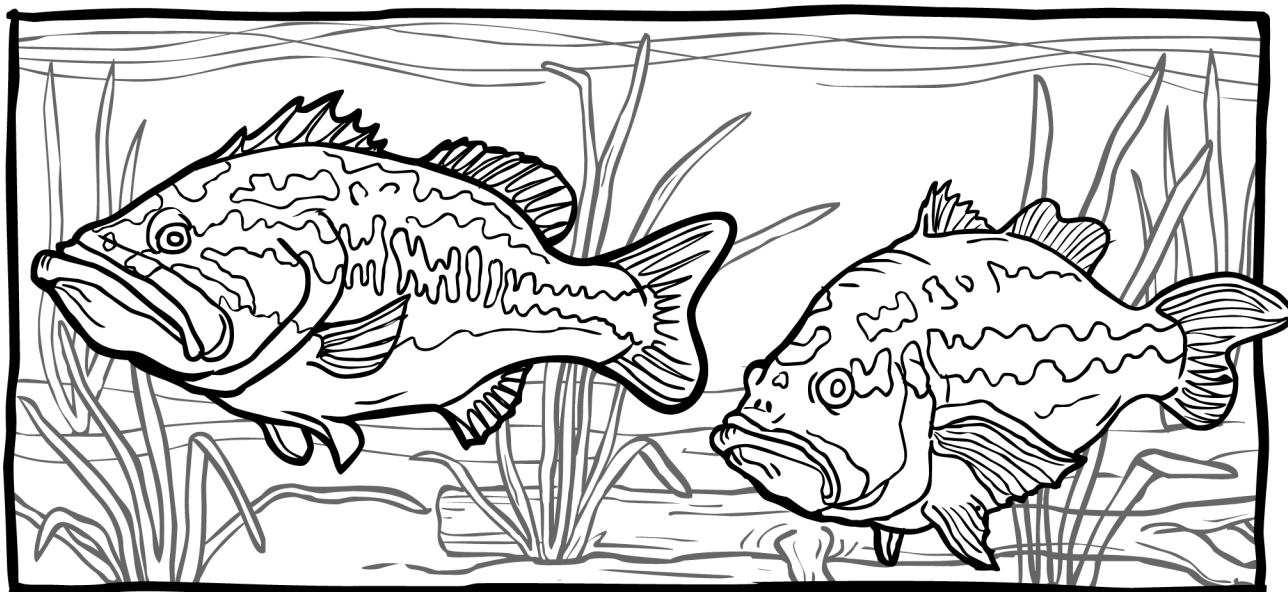
(*Micropterus salmoides floridanus*)

Instant ID

- An olive-colored fish with a wide, blotchy line running horizontally along the body
- Large, gaping mouth
- Females are larger than males of the same age

Native Niches

- Prefers clear, still water with aquatic vegetation and cover
- Also found in most other types of freshwater
- Found throughout Florida and into Georgia and Alabama



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Favorite Foods

- Eats other fish, frogs, turtles, insects, baby ducks, young alligators, snails and other animals which can fit in its mouth
- Can swallow objects 25-50% the length of their body

Critter Characteristics

- Largest member of the sunfish family
- A record specimen in Florida weighed over 17 pounds
- Designated Florida's state freshwater fish

Population Protection

- Leave a buffer of un-mowed vegetation around lakes and ponds
- Fish responsibly and dispose of fishing line properly resting / nesting zones