

Step Outdoors

Fish come with their own camouflage. Fish with vertical or horizontal stripes can hide in vegetation; spotted colouration enables fish to hide in rocks or gravel beds. Predators have difficulty seeing fish with a light coloured belly from below or dark upper side from above.

ACTIVITY

Using the labeled diagrams, have participants identify obvious differences between the species of fish, where it might be found in the water. Using the the unlabelled diagram, have participants name as many fish species as possible from memory.

Common Fish of Manitoba



Walleye



Yellow Perch



Bullhead



Sauger



Burbot



Channel Catfish



Northern Pike



Carp



Smallmouth Bass



Goldeye



Freshwater Drum



Lake Trout



Mooneye

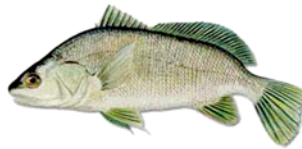


White Bass



Rainbow Trout

Name the following Manitoba Fish



EXTENSION

Have the students discuss what fish they might find living in a nearby marsh, stream, river or lake. Visit a local aquarium or Fort Whyte Alive or the Assiniboine Park Zoo in Winnipeg to further observe and study fish.

REFERENCES

Manitoba Fisheries Website: www.manitobafisheries.com