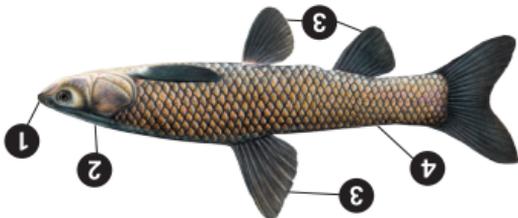


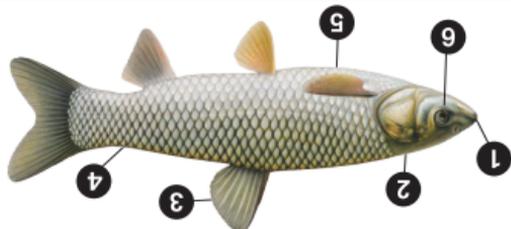


1. Small mouth without barbels
2. No scales on head
3. Fins without spines
4. Overall dark colouration, large scales



How to Identify Black Carp (*Mylopharyngodon piceus*)

1. Mouth without barbels
2. No scales on head
3. Short dorsal fin without spines
4. Silver to olive-brown in colour, crosshatched scale pattern
5. No keel
6. Eyes sit even with the mouth



How to Identify Grass Carp (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*)

Grass and Black carps WATCH

Grass Carp



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Black Carp



Grass and Black carps WATCH

Grass Carp (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*) and Black Carp (*Mylopharyngodon piceus*) are invasive fish threatening the Great Lakes and Ontario's native fishes. If they were to become established, they would compete with our native fishes for food and resources and crowd them out of their habitat. Black Carp feed exclusively on molluscs and pose a considerable threat to native mussels and other invertebrates in the Great Lakes watershed. Grass Carp consume large amounts of aquatic vegetation. Their feeding can change the structure and function of aquatic ecosystems.

Both carps were brought to North America from Asia in the 1960's and 70's. Since then they have migrated north through U.S. waterways towards the Great Lakes. Preventing these fish from entering the Great Lakes is the best way to prevent them from harming Ontario's native fish species.

How you can help

- **Learn** to identify Grass and Black carps (see back cover).
- **Dispose** of unwanted baitfish into the trash – never into any waterbody. (It's illegal)
- **Don't** release any live fish into any waterbodies other than the body of water from which they were caught.
- **Don't** import live fish into Ontario.
- **Report** new sightings – if you believe you've caught one of these fish, remember that it is illegal to possess a live invasive fish! Once the fish is dead, double bag the whole fish in plastic bags and refrigerate or place on ice in a cooler; note the exact location; take a photo; and call the *Invading Species Hotline* (1-800-563-7711), visit EDDMapS.org/ Ontario or contact your local Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry office.

Reminder: Know the rules!

It is illegal to possess live Bighead, Silver, Grass, and Black carps. Unauthorized introduction of fish is illegal. Contact your local Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry office for additional instructions and information about current regulations.