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Bass Identification

Smallmouth Bass



Smallmouth Bass

* A: Vertical barring along the sides.
* B: Jaw does not extend beyond the back margin of the eye when mouth is closed.
* C: Brownish-green color; white belly area does not extend high on the sides.
* [Smallmouth Bass Species Details](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/wild/species/smb/)

Guadalupe and Spotted Bass



Guadalupe and Spotted Bass

* A: Irregular lateral stripe is similar to, but more broken than in largemouth bass.
* B: Jaw does not extend beyond the back margin of the eye when mouth is closed.
* C: Spots on scales form "rows" of stripes on whitish belly area.
* [Guadalupe Bass Species Details](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/wild/species/gdb/)
* [Spotted Bass Species Details](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/wild/species/spb/)

Largemouth Bass



Largemouth Bass

* A: Definite lateral stripe
* B: Jaw extends well behind the back margin of the eye when mouth is closed.
* [Largemouth Bass Species Details](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/wild/species/lmb/)

Yellow Bass



Yellow Bass

* A: Stripes distinct, broken above anal fin
* B: Color - silvery yellow
* C: Dorsal fins joined
* D: Does not have a tooth patch near the midline towards the back of the tongue
* [Yellow Bass Species Details](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/wild/species/yellowbass/)

White Bass



White Bass

* A: Stripes faint, only one extends to tail
* B: Body deep, more than 1/3 length
* C: Has one tooth patch near the midline towards the back of the tongue
* [White Bass Species Details](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/wild/species/wtb/)

Striped Bass



Striped Bass

* A: Stripes distinct, several extend to tail
* B: Body slender, less than 1/3 length
* C: Has two, distinct tooth patches near the midline towards the back of the tongue
* [Striped Bass Species Details](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/wild/species/str/)

Hybrid Striped Bass



Hybrid Striped Bass

Also known as Palmetto or Sunshine bass

Note: For hybrids, all characteristics should be considered in combination, as characteristics in individual fish may vary.

* A: Stripes distinct, usually broken, several extend to tail
* B: Body deep, more than 1/3 length
* C: Has two tooth patches near the midline towards the back of the tongue. Tooth patches may be distinct or close together.

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