

Common Fish of the Okefenokee

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❖ Bowfin (*Amia calva*)

- 36" 20lbs - Known locally as the mud-fish or Cypress trout, it is said that this fish will strike on just about anything here in the slow moving pools and waters of the Okefenokee.



❖ Chain Pickerel (*Esox niger*)

- 31" 9lbs - Known locally as the 'jack-fish', this carnivorous fish is quite the fighter on the end of a line and offers the angler fishing for 'jack' some real sport.



❖ Warmouth (*Lepomis gulosus*)

- 12" 2lbs – This large type of sunfish is best known for its dark coloration in the swamp and robust body. This fish is often noted for its deep red eye that stares back at anglers as they pull him in.



❖ Yellow Bullhead Catfish (*Ameiurus natalis*)

- 12" 2lbs – Known locally as the ‘yellow cat’, this catfish is best identified by their yellow whiskers. Along with the other catfish in the Okefenokee, this one has sharp pectoral spines that all anglers should be cautious about when handling.



❖ Black Bullhead Catfish (*Ameiurus melas*)

- 12" 2lbs – Known locally as the ‘mud cat’, this catfish is best known for its jet black whiskers and small stature. This fish is often identified by the way it takes an anglers’ bait and immediately runs.



❖ Flier (*Centrarchus macropterus*)

- 8" .5lbs – Known locally as ‘shiner’, ‘government brim’, or ‘thin gizzards’, these fish are highly sought after pan fish due to their superior taste.



