



Fairview Reservoir

Last Updated (December 2024)

FISH SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

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General Information: Fairview Reservoir is a body of water located in Littleton, Colorado with ample public fishing accessible via a 0.7 mile loop encircling the reservoir.

Location: Littleton, Colorado, just west across Highway 121 from Chatfield Reservoir.

Size: Approximately 12.5 acres

Recreational Management: Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Purchase a Fishing License: <https://www.cpwshop.com/licensing.page>

Amenities and General Information

- Paved 0.7 mile walking trail allowing for angling access around the reservoir
- Cormorant rookery present on the island in the middle of the reservoir
- Introduced Koi are present within this reservoir

Regulations

- Fishing Regulations available at <https://cpw.state.co.us/rules-and-regulations>
- Urban rookery protected under the 1918 Migratory Bird Treaty Act

Stocking History

2015:

1,000 fingerling Bluegill

2014:

1,000 fingerling Bluegill

2011:

1,000 fingerling Bluegill

2010:

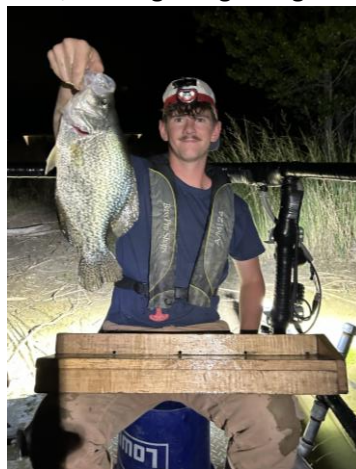
1,000 fingerling Bluegill

2009:

1,000 fingerling Bluegill

2008:

1,000 fingerling Bluegill



(Technician Andrew Bubick with a 14 inch Black Crappie sampled during night electrofishing)

Angling Notes

Fairview Reservoir has strong populations of both Largemouth Bass and Black Crappie for anglers to target.

Largemouth Bass

During warmer months Largemouth are most active in cooler temperatures and low light. Thus, fishing in the early morning, late evening, or night can prove most successful for these predators. Try using jigs, crankbaits, or spinnerbaits around cover as bass are ambush predators and will sit and wait for prey to swim past. Although sometimes difficult, it can also be fun to pursue bass with topwater baits that make for spectacular action.

Black Crappie

Fairview Reservoir provides the unique opportunity to target large Crappie in small water. Although during warmer months they occupy deeper water, during dusk and dawn Crappie will come to shore to feed. Try using light tackle and small jigs and once you catch one, stay in that area. Crappie are a schooling species and there are likely more close by.



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2024 Survey Species Composition

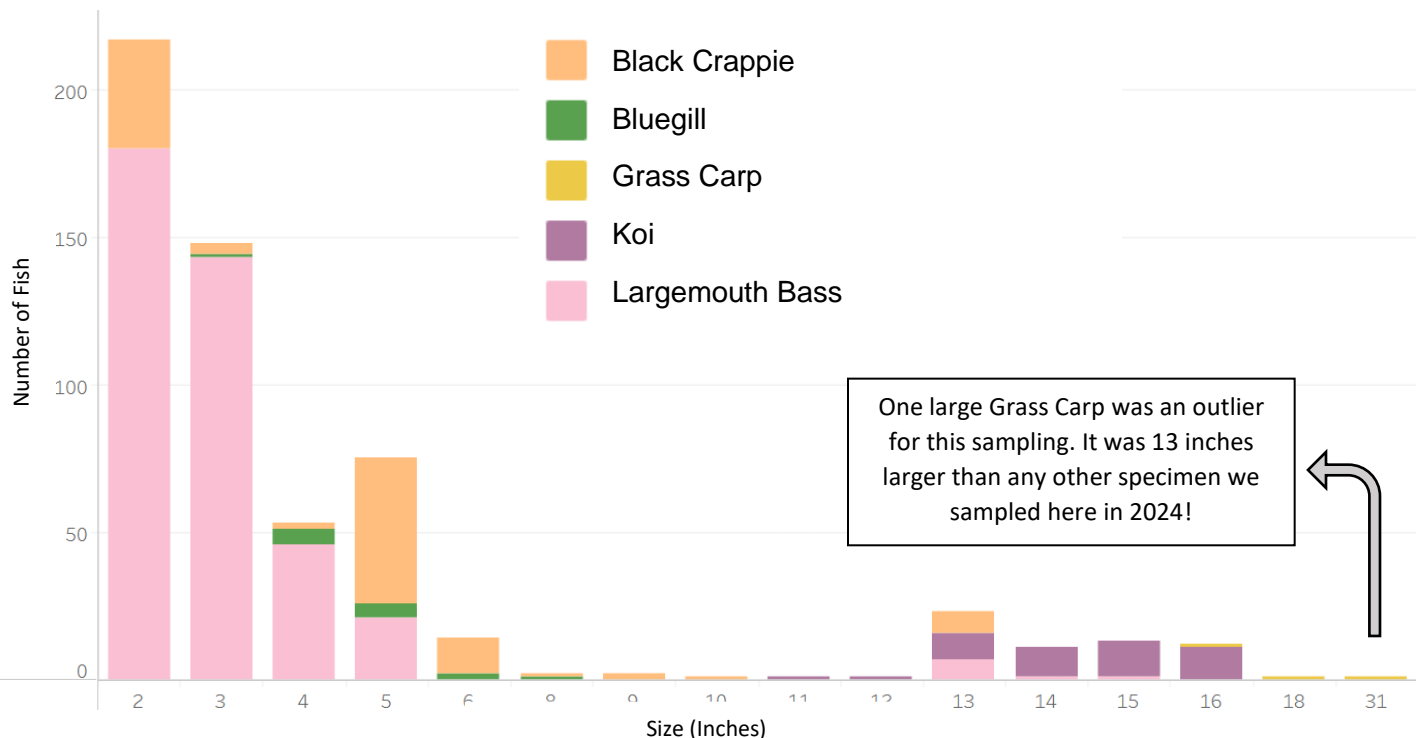


- Black Crappie (5.5%)
- Golden Shiner (0.0%)
- Grass Carp (0.02%)
- Largemouth Bass (91.9%)
- Koi (1.9%)
- Bluegill (0.7%)

The figure to the left shows a species composition for fish caught during sampling in 2024. Largemouth bass dominated the catch due to a large number of small bass. Other species included black crappie, bluegill, koi, and grass carp.

The figure below shows a length frequency of fish caught during the 2024 sampling with columns showing the number of fish in each size class. Most bass were small, but some reached up to 15 inches, and black crappie were caught up to 13 inches long. Unfortunately, introduced koi, are present in this pond and lead to decreased water quality.

2024 Survey Length Frequencies



One large Grass Carp was an outlier for this sampling. It was 13 inches larger than any other specimen we sampled here in 2024!





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1. Strong recruitment of juvenile Largemouth Bass was seen throughout the sampling process
2. Technician Andrew Bubick with a 2.5lb Largemouth Bass