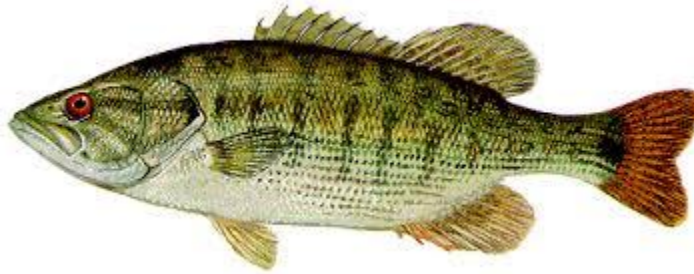


Redeyed Bass



The **Redeye bass** (*Micropterus coosae*) is a [species](#) of [freshwater fish](#) in the sunfish [family](#) ([Centrarchidae](#)) native to the [Coosa River](#) system of [Georgia, Alabama](#). The waters it is normally found in are cool streams and rivers in the foothills of mountains.

The upper jaw ([maxilla](#)) extends to the back of the eye, which is usually red. There are dark bars on the side, which fade to lighter color in the center.

Growing to a maximum reported overall length of 47 cm (19 in), the redeye bass is one of the smaller black basses. The probable world record for Redeye bass is 5 lb 2.5 oz (2.34 kg) from [Lake Jocassee](#) in South Carolina.^[3] Many Redeye bass world record listings, especially those over 5 lb (2.3 kg) are actually records for the [shoal bass](#) (*Micropterus cataractae*) which was commonly called *Redeye bass*.

Its main food tends to be [insects](#).

The [rock bass](#) (*Ambloplites rupestris*), a distinct species of [Centrarchid](#), is sometimes called the redeye or redeye bass in [Canada](#).