



What to Do If You Think You Have Found an Asian Carp

Step 1: Asian Carp Identification

There are seven species of carps native to Asia that have been introduced to the United States, but only four types that are considered a threat to the Great Lakes: bighead, silver, black and grass.

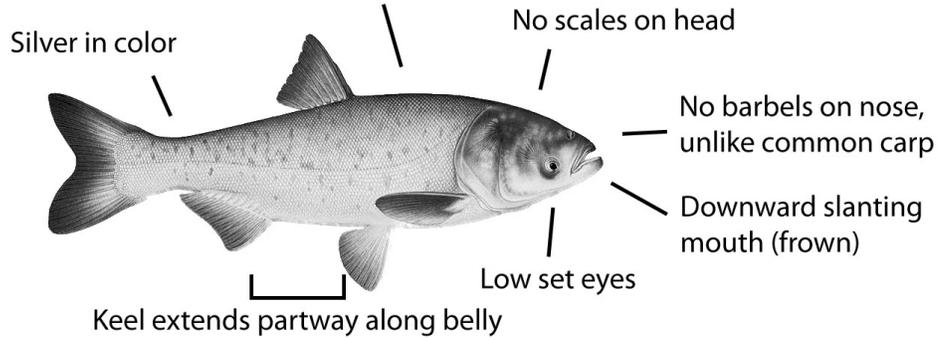
Think you may have found an Asian carp that needs to be reported? Follow these helpful identification tips before calling state personnel.

Identification Tips:

- Make sure you have the right carp! There is also common carp which is not currently threatening the Great Lakes. The common carp is not an Asian carp. They have a small mouth relative to body size and are brown in color with large scales. If in doubt, call your state personnel!
- Grass carp closely resembles black carp in form (see picture). The major difference is grass carp are nearly white in color.
- Look for hybrids, fish that might exhibit characteristics of both the silver and bighead species, and report them.

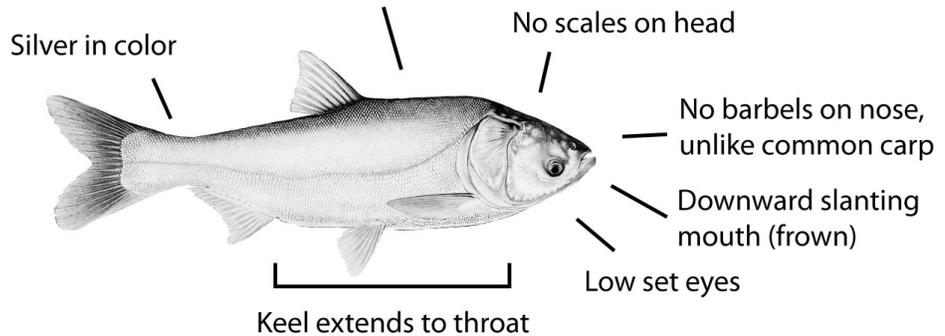
Bighead Carp

Dark blotches along the back (dorsal) region



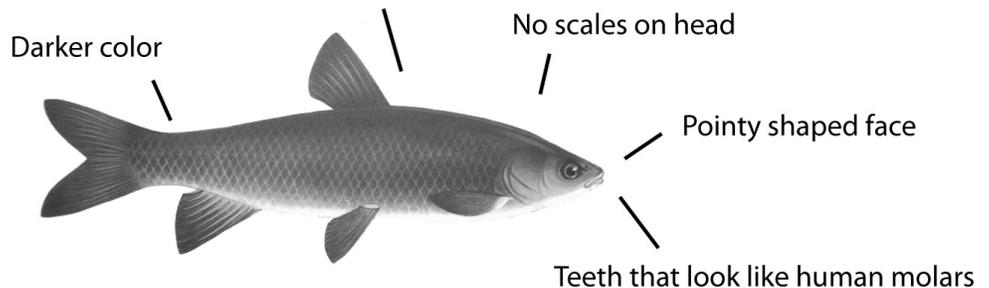
Silver Carp

Small scales



Black Carp

Large scales



Step 2: Contact Agency Personnel in Your State

- If you think you have found an Asian carp, take a picture of the fish if possible. The best angle is of the fish laid out flat. Try to include the whole fish, nose to tail, in the shot.
- Know the location of where you caught the fish. What river or lake were you fishing in? What is the nearest town? What county are you in?
- Immediately contact the appropriate agency personnel for the state you are in. If an email address is provided, email a photograph of the fish in question as well as call.

Minnesota	Jay Rendall	(651)-259-5131	jay.rendall@dnr.state.mn.us
Wisconsin	You will be connected with a regional fisheries biologist	1-888-936-7463	Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources
Illinois	Division of Fisheries	(217)-782-6424	Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources
Indiana	Doug Keller	(317)-234-3883	dkeller@dnr.in.gov
Michigan	Fisheries Division	(517)-373-1280	Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources and the Environment
Ohio	John Navarro	(614) 265-6346	John.Navarro@dnr.state.oh.us
Pennsylvania	Bob Morgan	(814)-359-5129	Online reporting form: http://www.fish.state.pa.us/promo/form/ais_reporting.htm
New York	Bill Culligan	(716)-366-0228	New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation

Step 3: Preserving & Transporting the Fish

- If state personnel would like to examine the fish, put it on ice or place in a plastic bag.
- Do NOT keep a live Asian carp in your possession.
- Do NOT travel across state lines with an Asian carp in your possession.
- Do NOT move an Asian carp to another body of water even if it is dead.

Step 4: Be Knowledgeable About Asian Carp

Before you go out fishing check the following United States Geological Survey links to find out where confirmed Asian carp sightings have occurred:

- Bighead carp - <http://nas2.er.usgs.gov/viewer/omap.aspx?SpeciesID=551>
- Silver carp - <http://nas2.er.usgs.gov/viewer/omap.aspx?SpeciesID=549>
- Black carp - <http://nas2.er.usgs.gov/viewer/omap.aspx?SpeciesID=573>
- Grass carp - <http://nas2.er.usgs.gov/viewer/omap.aspx?SpeciesID=514>