



PUMPKINSEED

Lepomis gibbosus



As highly colored as a tropical fish, the Pumpkinseed is one of PA's most common and frequently caught sunfish. Pumpkinseeds are found throughout Pennsylvania. The species name "*gibbosus*" means that it is "formed like the full moon," appropriate for its flat, roundish body.

The Pumpkinseed is one of PA's smaller sunfishes, with eight inches an average size. The body is an overall light-olive to goldenbrown, with irregular blue or blue-green lines and a sprinkling of olive, orange or red-orange spots. The fish's cheeks and gill covers are marked with wavy light-blue lines. The belly is reddish orange to yellow.

