

Fish of Precinct 4 Ponds

LARGEMOUTH BASS (*Micropterus salmoides*)

Largemouth bass are a prized freshwater sport fish and the subject of many fishing tournaments. Adult sizes can weigh more than 16 pounds but those in Precinct 4 park ponds will usually be much smaller. **Daily Bag Limit:** **Catch-and-Release Only; Minimum Length: None.**



BLUEGILL (*Lepomis macrochirus*)

The bluegills in Precinct 4 ponds are coppernose bluegill, a subspecies well known for putting up a good fight for their size, which is usually 4-6 inches in length. **Daily Bag Limit: None; Minimum Length: None.**



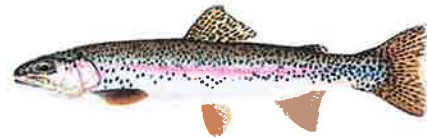
CHANNEL CATFISH (*Ictalurus punctatus*)

Channel catfish are excellent to eat and are readily caught by many anglers. They can weigh more than 60 pounds when full grown! **Daily Bag Limit: 3; Minimum Length: 12 inches.**



RAINBOW TROUT (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)

Rainbow trout are normally found in cold rivers or streams but have become a popular stock fish. Each winter, several hundred thousand rainbows are stocked in community fishing lakes around the state. **THEY ARE ONLY STOCKED IN PRECINCT 4's PONDS IN WINTER. Daily Bag Limit: 5; Minimum Length: None.**



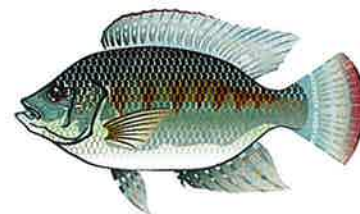
SPOTTED GAR (*Lepisosteus oculatus*)

Gar prefer warm, quiet, clear water, and are known for the fight they put up when caught. Spotted gar can grow to a length of 3 feet. **Daily Bag Limit: Catch-and-Release Only; Minimum Length: None.**



BLUE TILAPIA (*Oreochromis aureus*)

A popular item on restaurant menus, blue tilapia is an invasive species that has become established over a wide geographical range. They were originally introduced as food for predatory fish, as a human food source, and as a means of aquatic plant control. To help control populations, anyone catching tilapia, no matter the size, are to remove it from the water and immediately remove the organs of the fish according to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. **Daily Bag Limit: None; Minimum Length: None.**



For more information on fishing regulations and fish species found in Precinct 4 ponds, visit the Texas Parks & Wildlife website www.tpwd.texas.gov.



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