

STATE OF MONTANA FISH RECORDS

FISH	MONTANA NATIVE	LENGTH (inches)	WEIGHT	GIRTH (inches)	SITE	ANGLER	BAIT TACKLE	DATE
Arctic Grayling	■	20	3.63 lbs.	11.7	Washtub Lake	Glenn Owens	Wet Fly	6/28/03
Bigmouth Buffalo	■	40.7	57.75 lbs.	32.5	Nelson Reservoir	Craig D. Grassel	Bow & Arrow	6/4/94
Black Bullhead		14.37	2.60 lbs.	11.5	Smiley Slough	Birrell White	Bait	6/20/09
Black Crappie		17.7	3.45 lbs.	14.25	Tongue River Reservoir	Swayne Redinger	Tip-up	1/13/26
Bluegill		11	2.64 lbs.	17	Peterson's Stock Dam	Brent Fladmo	Worm	6/3/83
Blue Sucker	■	34.56	13.29 lbs.	18.75	Marias River	Jason Karis	Worm	4/19/19
Brook Trout			9.06 lbs.		Lower Two Medicine Lake	John R. Cook		1940
Brown Trout		37	32.42 lbs.		Marias River	Robbie Dockter		3/3/21
Bull Trout (Dolly Varden)	■	37	25.63 lbs.	25		James Hyer	Trolling Line	1916
Burbot	■	39	17.08 lbs.	16.25	Missouri River Wolf Point	Jeff Eugene Iwen	Minnow	4/18/89
Channel Catfish	■	38.25	35.18	27	Colstrip Surge Pond	John D Smith	15# tent spider wire, 6 Loomis light rod, beetle spin with Mr. Twister	7/7/19
Chinook Salmon		38	32.65 lbs.		Fort Peck Reservoir	Jim Fauth		8/8/24
Cisco		18.2	2.08 lbs.		Missouri River	Troy Holstein	Jig & Minnow	6/2/14
Creek Chub	■	11.0	0.52 lbs		Harbaugh Bass Pond	William Bibeau	Worm	5/12/13
Coho Salmon		25.5	4.88 lbs.		Fort Peck Reservoir Face of Dam	Irven F. Stohl	Daredevil	5/29/73
Common Carp		38	40.2 lbs.	30.5	Nelson Reservoir	Jared S. Albus	Bow & Arrow	5/24/98
Cutthroat Trout	■		16 lbs.		Red Eagle Lake	Wm. D. Sands		1955
Emerald Shiner		3.43	0.01 lbs.		Park Grove Bridge	Ike Braaten	Rapala	6/9/06
Fathead Minnow	■	2.70	0.01		Dollar Lake in Flathead County	Chris Gustine	Bait	5/30/14
Flathead Chub	■	11.2	0.59 lbs.		Thornton Pond	Douglas Jordan	Worm	4/29/01

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Freshwater Drum	■	29.5	21.59 lbs.	26.5	Fort Peck – Ghost Coulee	Matt Washut	Smelt	5/3/03
Golden Shiner		8.875	0.39 lbs	6	Lake Josephine (Riverfront Park Billings)	Jimmy Lee Boles III	Fly	4/28/25
Golden Trout		23.5	5.43 lbs.	13	Cave Lake	Mike Malixi	Lure	7/16/00
Goldeye	■		3.18 lbs.		Nelson Reservoir	Don Nevriy	Jig/Power Crawler	7/4/00
Green Sunfish		10.0	0.85 lbs		Gartside Reservoir	Garin Hicks		5/27/23
Kokanee Salmon		26.8	7.85 lbs		Hauser Lake	John Bomar	Jig	9/23/03
Lake Chub	■	5.9	0.075 lbs.	3.4	Corner Lake	James Cashell	Artificial Fly	7/23/10
Lake Trout		42.5	42.69 lbs.	31.5	Flathead Lake	Ruth Barber	Flatfish	6/23/04
Lake Whitefish		27	10.46 lbs.		Flathead Lake	Swan McDonald V	Jig	8/26/06
Largemouth Bass		22.5	9.58	18.875	Lake Elmo	Brandon Wright	6 lb test, worm/night crawler, size 10 hook	5/2/09
Largescale Sucker	■	24.5	6.86 lbs.	15	Salmon Lake	Todd Smitham	Spinning rod-reel jig	5/25/26
Longnose Dace		2.1	0.01 lbs		Prickly Pear Creek	Carson Beckman		6/29/25
Longnose Sucker	■	22.25	4.78 lbs		Hauser Reservoir	Jonathan Miller		5/10/22
Mottled Sculpin – See Rocky Mountain Sculpin								
Mountain Sucker	■	6.2	1.60 oz.		Beaver Creek Reservoir	Robert Garwood	Worm	4/23/01
Mountain Whitefish	■	23	5.11 lbs.	12.5	Hauser Reservoir	Walt Goodman	Rapala	10/10/07
Northern Pike	■		37.5 lbs.		Tongue River Reservoir	Lance Moyer		1972
Northern Pikeminnow	■	27.125	7.88 lbs.		Noxon Rapids Reservoir	Darrel Torggrimson	Lure	5/28/91
Paddlefish	■	77	142.5 lbs.	41.75	Missouri River Near Kipp Park	Larry Branstetter	Snagged	5/20/73
Pallid Sturgeon	■		60 lbs.	27.5	Yellowstone River Near Sidney	Gene Sattler		5/13/79
Peamouth	■	16.125	1.52 lbs		Clark Fork River	Mike Jensen	Artificial Fly	7/29/07

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Pumpkinseed		10	0.995 lbs.	11	Fennon Slough	Pete Jellar	Pete's Tackle Chancy's Crappie Candy	4/26/22
Pygmy Whitefish	■	9.84	0.36 lbs.	6.3	Little Bitterroot Lake	Richard Geldrich	Maggot	2/13/10
Rainbow Smelt		7.10	0.08 lbs.		Fort Peck dredge cuts	Nathan Cooper	Jigging spoon through ice	2/18/20
Rainbow Trout		38.62	33.1 lbs.	27	Kootenai River David Thompson Brdg	Jack G. Housel, Jr.	Lure	8/11/97
Rainbow-Cutthroat Hybrid Trout		35.75	30.25 lbs.	27.5	Ashley Lake	Pat Kelley	Bait	5/16/82
Redside Shiner	■	6.5	0.10 lbs.	3.75	Lost Lake	Josh Ahles	Worm	8/21/01
River Carpsucker	■	26.1875	7.915 lbs.	17.125	Yellowstone River	Jaxson Franklin	Jig	4/16/22
Rock Bass		10.8	1.31 lbs.		Lower Crazy Head Springs Pond	Karson Campbell	Nightcrawler	4/26/14
Rocky Mountain Sculpin	■	5	0.063 lbs.	3.75	Yellowstone County Canal	Bridger Burrows	Ugly stick rod, Lew's reel, small plastic worm	3/15/22
Sauger	■	28.2	8.805 lbs.	15.1	Fort Peck Reservoir	Gene Moore	Whistler/Minnow	12/12/94
Saugeye			15.66 lbs.		Fort Peck Reservoir Squaw Creek	Myron Kibler	Minnow	1/11/95
Shorthead Redhorse	■	20.25	4.68 lbs.		Marias River Near Loma	Ray Quigley	Worm	4/14/85
Shortnose Gar	■	35	7.41 lbs.		Fort Peck Dredge Cuts	Brandon Hansard	Bow and Arrow	5/16/13
Shovelnose Sturgeon	■	39.75	14.125 lbs.		Missouri River	Chad Buck	Nightcrawler	5/21/10
Smallmouth Bass		22.4	8.40 lbs.	18	Fort Peck Reservoir	Joshua Johnson	Football Jig and trailer	10/10/24
Smallmouth Buffalo	■	42.25	40 lbs.	29.25	Nelson Reservoir	Deborah Henry	Dead Smelt	5/27/23
Spottail Shiner		3.0	.02 lbs.		Tiber Reservoir	Joe Hagengruber	Worm	8/14/10
Stonecat	■	10	0.54 lbs.		Milk River	Dale Bjerga	Worm	6/16/96
Tiger Muskellunge		50	38.75 lbs.		Deadmans Basin Reservoir	Leo Cantin	Bait	9/2/12
Tiger Trout		20.6	4.04 lbs.	12	Bear Lake	Joe Sobczak	Wooley Bugger	2/9/97
Utah Chub		15.9	2.39 lbs.	10.4	Canyon Ferry Reservoir	Steve Hagen	Jigging Rapala- maggots	3/7/22
Walleye		32.25	18.02 lbs.	22	Holter Lake	Trevor Johnson	Kit's Tackle Glass Minnow "Lunch Lady"	5/10/21

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White Bass		17	2.80 lbs.	12	Missouri River South of Bainville	Vernon Pacovsky	Minnow	10/13/07
White Crappie		18.5	3.68 lbs.		Tongue River	Gene Bassett	Worm	5/10/96
White Sturgeon	■	75	96 lbs.		Kootenai River	Herb Stout		1968
White Sucker	■	21.625	5.33 lbs.	12.75	Nelson Reservoir	Fred Perry	Spear	2/10/83
Yellow Bullhead	■	15.50	1.91 lbs.	22	Tongue River Reservoir	Roberta Legge	Ice Fishing Tip-up with dead minnow	12/17/20
Yellow Perch		14.375	2.39 lbs.	12.1875	Lower Stillwater Lake	Josh Emmert	Jig	2/19/06