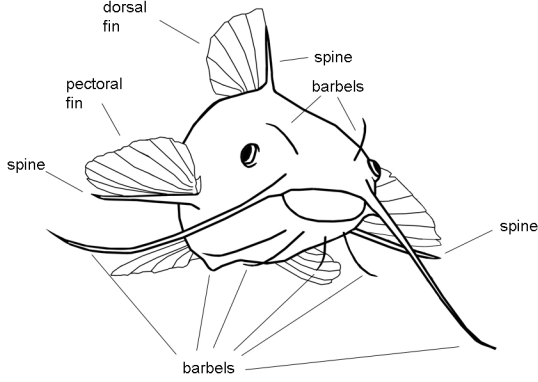
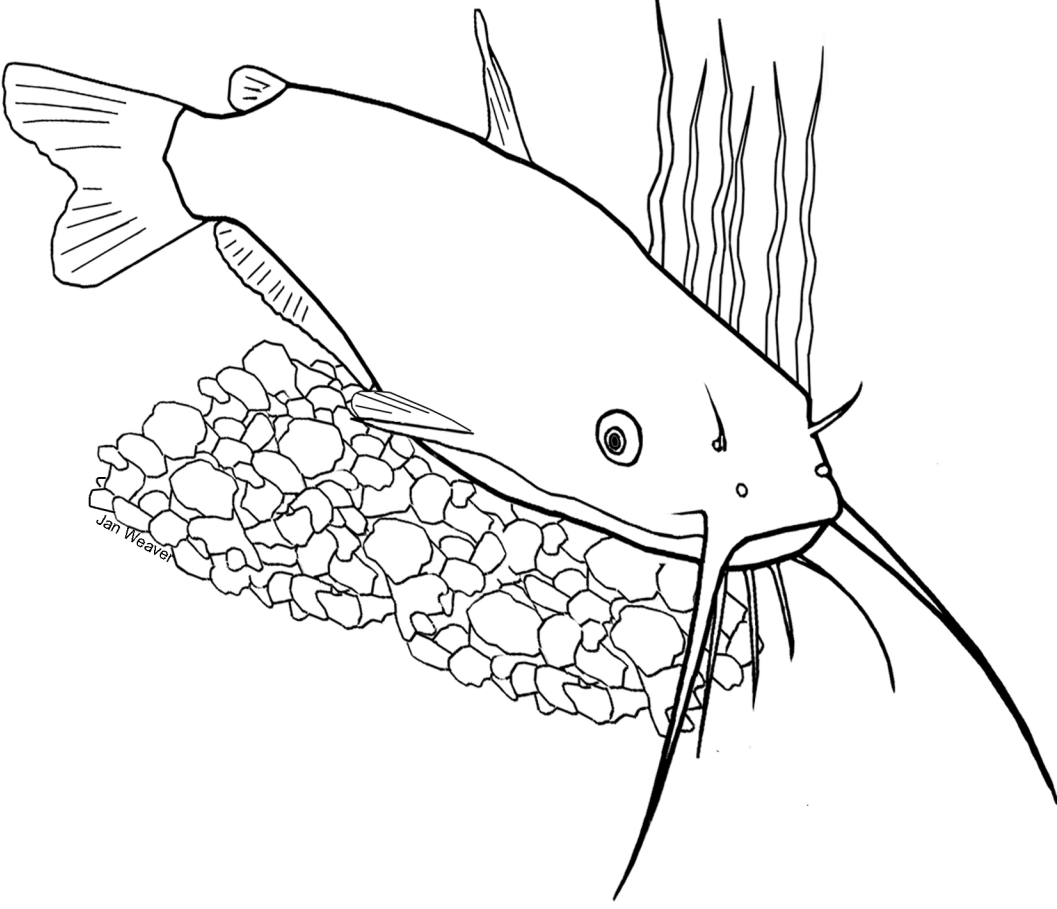

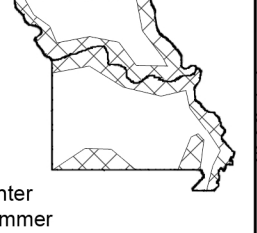


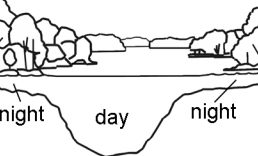



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| January | <h1>Channel Catfish</h1> <h2><i>Ictalurus punctatus</i></h2> <p>Animalia > Chordata > Actinopterygii > Siluriformes > Ictaluridae</p> | | <p>Channel Catfish - mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/field-guide/channel-catfish</p> <p>Channel Catfish - wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/species-and-habitats/species-guide-index/fish/channel-catfish</p> | |
| February |  <p>Catfish have spines on the front edge of their pectoral fins and their dorsal fin.</p> <p>They can lock their spines so that they stick out from their bodies. This makes them too big to fit inside the mouths of some predators.</p> <p>Sometimes fisherman get stuck with the spines if they don't handle the catfish carefully.</p> | | <p>Coloring Guide adults - dark gray or black above and sides, and white or gray below young - blue gray above, sides lighter with spots, white below</p> | |
| March |  | | <p>Size adults - 25 to 80 cm (12 to 32") and .25 to 23 kg (0.5 to 50 lbs) blue catfish (a different, larger species) can weigh over 50 kg (110 lbs)</p> | |
| April | | | <p>Human Connection Channel catfish are one of the most fished species in the U.S. It is the state fish of Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, and Tennessee.</p> | |
| May | | | <p>What eats Channel Catfish very small fish - eaten by crayfish, other fish, frogs, snapping, turtles, water snakes medium size fish - eaten by big mouth bass, herons large fish - very few things except humans eat large fish</p> | |
| June | <p>North American Distribution</p>  <p>Missouri Distribution</p>  <p>  winter  summer </p> | | <p>Habitat (home/food/water) large turbid streams or rivers with slow currents or reservoirs, ponds and lakes</p>  <p>night day night</p> | |
| July | | | <p>Home day - central channel or pool night - shallows to feed</p>  | |
| August | | | <p>What Channel Catfish eat insects, molluscs, crustaceans, fish, aquatic plants, almost anything it can smell, catch and fit in its mouth</p> | |
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