

## **Yellow bullhead**

*Ameiurus natalis*



**Similar Species:** Black bullhead and brown bullhead

**Identification:** Similar to black and brown bullheads, but barbels (whiskers) under chin are uniformly white or cream colored.

The yellow bullhead is less common than the black bullhead and is more or less confined to the eastern half of South Dakota. Yellow bullheads appear to be somewhat more selective in their feeding than black bullheads, but share most of the same food and spawning habits. Yellow bullheads are most commonly found in ponds, pools, backwaters, and sluggish currents, but prefer clearer water than black bullheads. Yellow bullheads spawn in May or June when water temperature is near 70 F. Yellow bullheads are also popular game fish, reaching weights of 2 pounds or more.

