

Monroe Lake 2023 Crappie Survey

Lake Information: 10,750 acres; 59 feet max depth

Located: Bloomington, Indiana; Monroe County

GPS Coordinates: N 39.08176; W -86.44091

Ownership: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; **Access:** Boat ramp; **Fees:** Entrance and launch fee

Outboard Motor Restrictions: None; **Fishing Restrictions:** [Indiana Fishing Regulations Guide](#)

Best Fishing: Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, Channel Catfish, and Hybrid Striped Bass

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Fish Survey Dates: March 6 to March 8, 2023

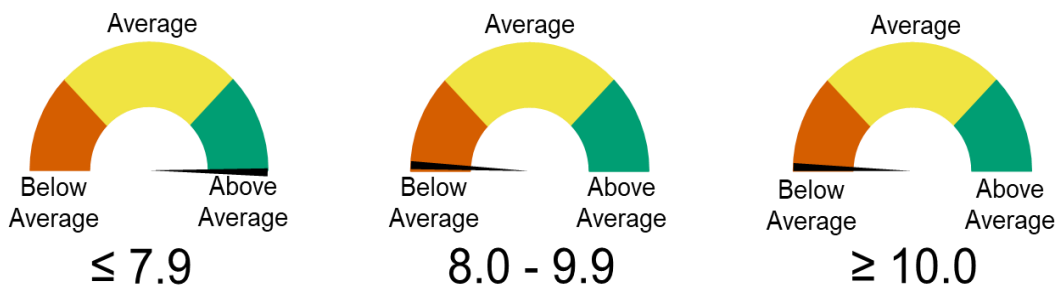
Comments: Monroe Lake has both Black and White Crappie present with more White Crappie appearing in our survey. Black Crappie were found up to 8.4 inches, while White Crappie were found up to 13.3 inches. Monroe Lake is a slow growing Crappie population with most fish being 8.0 inches or less, however Monroe Lake is also known for growing large crappie with some being over 15 inches.

Fish Species Composition

Species	Number	Percent	Min Length	Max Length
White Crappie	1,716	76.8	5.2	13.3
Black Crappie	519	23.2	5.1	8.4
Total	342			

Catch (by inch class)

Black Crappie



White Crappie

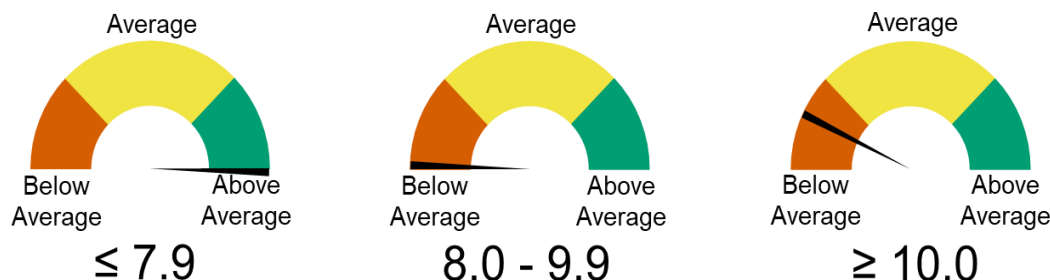


Figure 1. Catch dials for Crappie size ranges less than or equal to 7.9, 8.0 to 9.9, and greater than or equal to 10.0 inches.

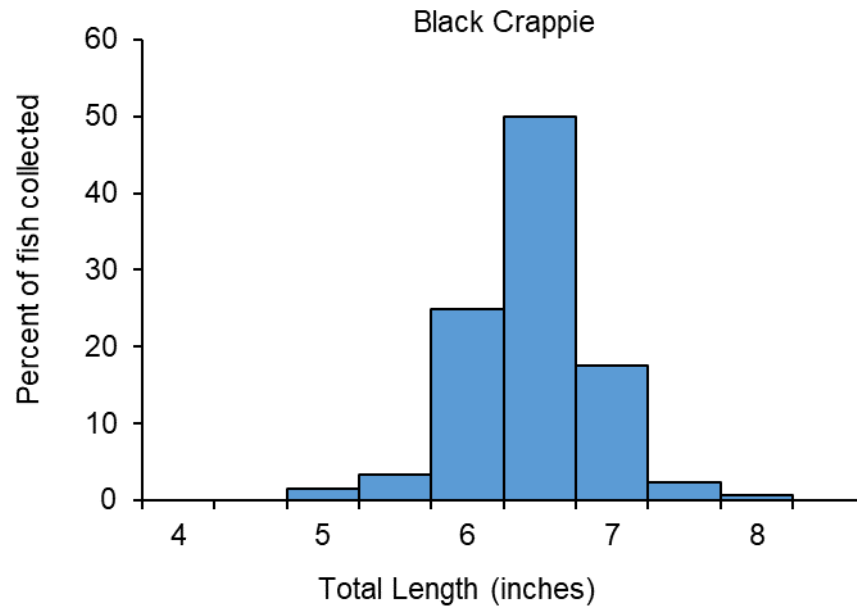


Figure 2. Length frequency distribution of Black Crappie collected by half-inch groups.

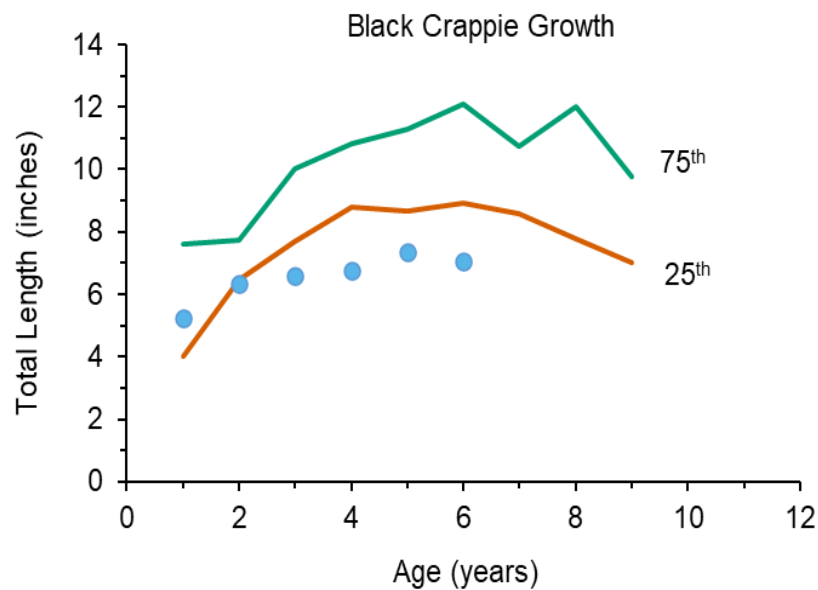


Figure 3. Black Crappie average length at age compared to the 25th and 75th growth percentiles of other Indiana lakes. Any age between the 25th and 75th percentiles is considered average growth while any above or below them is considered great or poor growth.

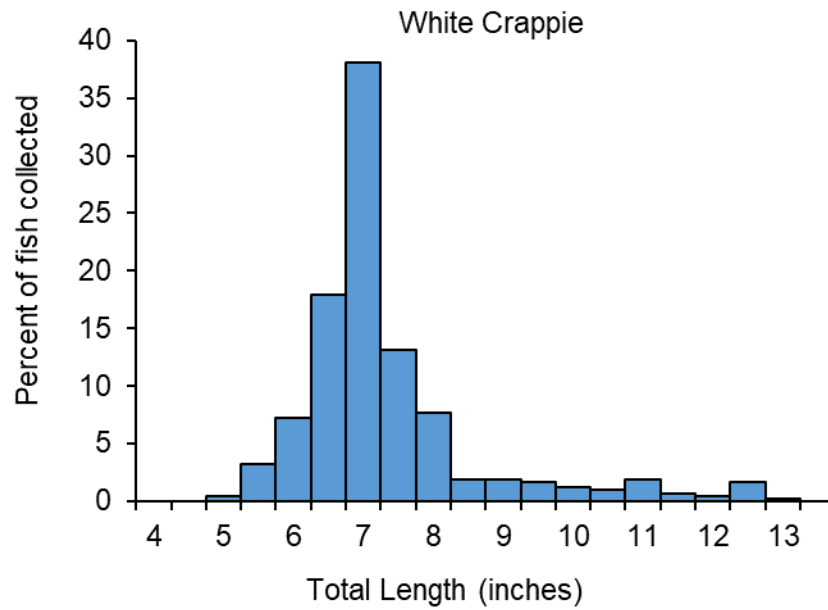


Figure 4. Length frequency distribution of White Crappie collected by inch groups.

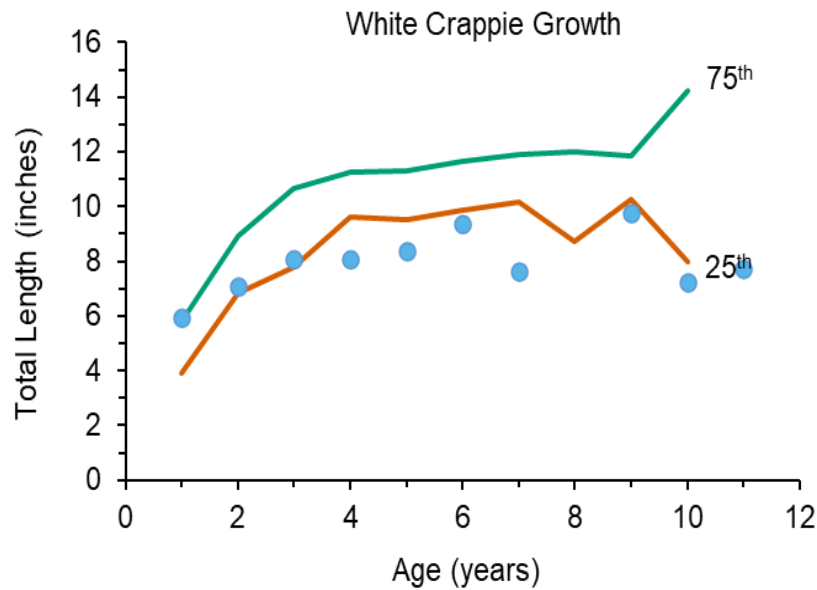


Figure 5. White Crappie average length at age compared to the 25th and 75th growth percentiles of other Indiana lakes. Any age between the 25th and 75th percentiles is considered average growth while any above or below them is considered great or poor growth.