



What to Do If You Think You Have Found an Asian Carp

Step 1: Asian Carp Identification

There are seven species of carps native to Asia that have been introduced to the United States, but only four types that are considered a threat to the Great Lakes: bighead, silver, black and grass.

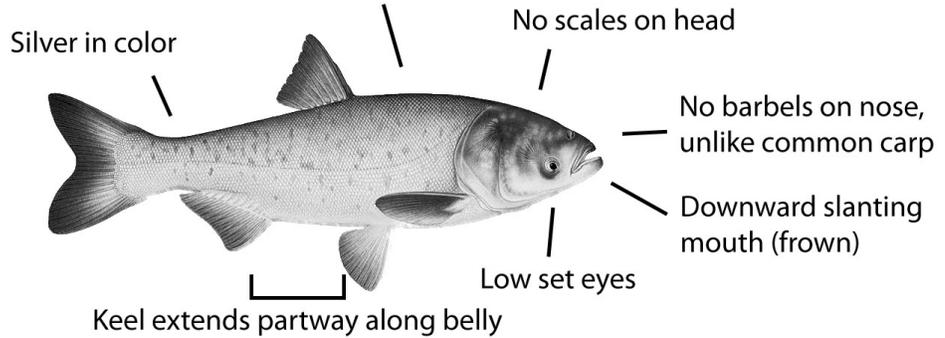
Think you may have found an Asian carp that needs to be reported? Follow these helpful identification tips before calling state personnel.

Identification Tips:

- Make sure you have the right carp! There is also common carp which is not currently threatening the Great Lakes. The common carp is not an Asian carp. They have a small mouth relative to body size and are brown in color with large scales. If in doubt, call your state personnel!
- Grass carp closely resembles black carp in form (see picture). The major difference is grass carp are nearly white in color.
- Look for hybrids, fish that might exhibit characteristics of both the silver and bighead species, and report them.

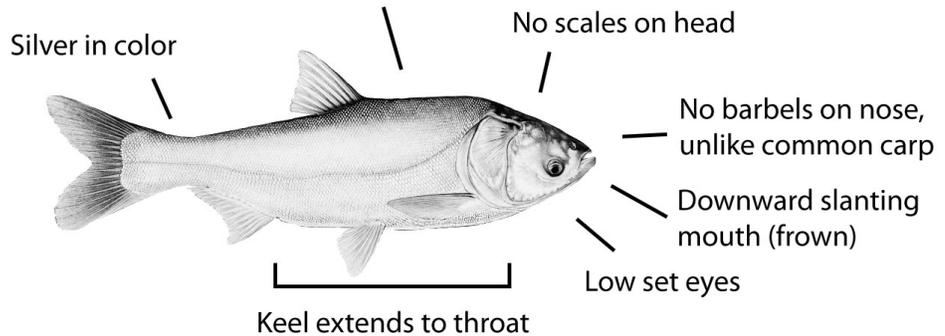
Bighead Carp

Dark blotches along the back (dorsal) region



Silver Carp

Small scales



Black Carp

Large scales

