

Bighead and Silver Carp in the Ohio River Basin

Help by reporting any Asian carps that you catch.

Step 1: Asian Carps Identification

There are seven species of carp, native to Asia, that have been introduced to the United States, but only two are currently considered a threat in Ohio: bighead and silver.

Bighead and Silver Carp Characteristics

- Low-set eye; large upturned mouth without barbels
- Scaleless head; body scales very small
- Adults may weigh more than 60 lbs. and measure 4 ft.
- Silver carp may jump out of water when disturbed by boat motors

Step 2: Contact Ohio Division of Wildlife

- If you think you have found a bighead or silver carp, take a picture of the entire fish laid out flat, including the head and tail.
- Immediately contact the Ohio Division of Wildlife. Use the online Asian carp reporting form at wildohio.com to send information and a photograph of the fish.
- Indicate the location where you caught the fish (river, lake, nearest town, and county).
- If you do not have access to the Internet, call 1-800-WILDLIFE to report the fish.

DO NOT move an Asian carp to another body of water even if it is dead.

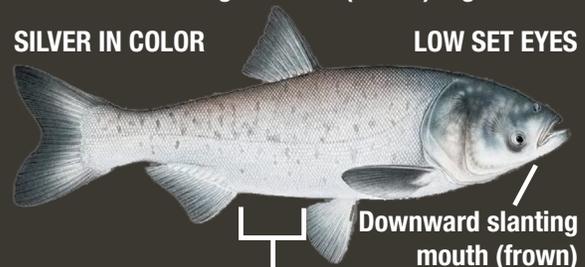
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BIGHEAD CARP

Dark blotches along the back (dorsal) region

SILVER IN COLOR

LOW SET EYES



Keel extends partway along belly

NO BARBELS ON NOSE,
UNLIKE COMMON CARP

SILVER CARP

SILVER IN COLOR

LOW SET EYES



Keel extends to throat

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