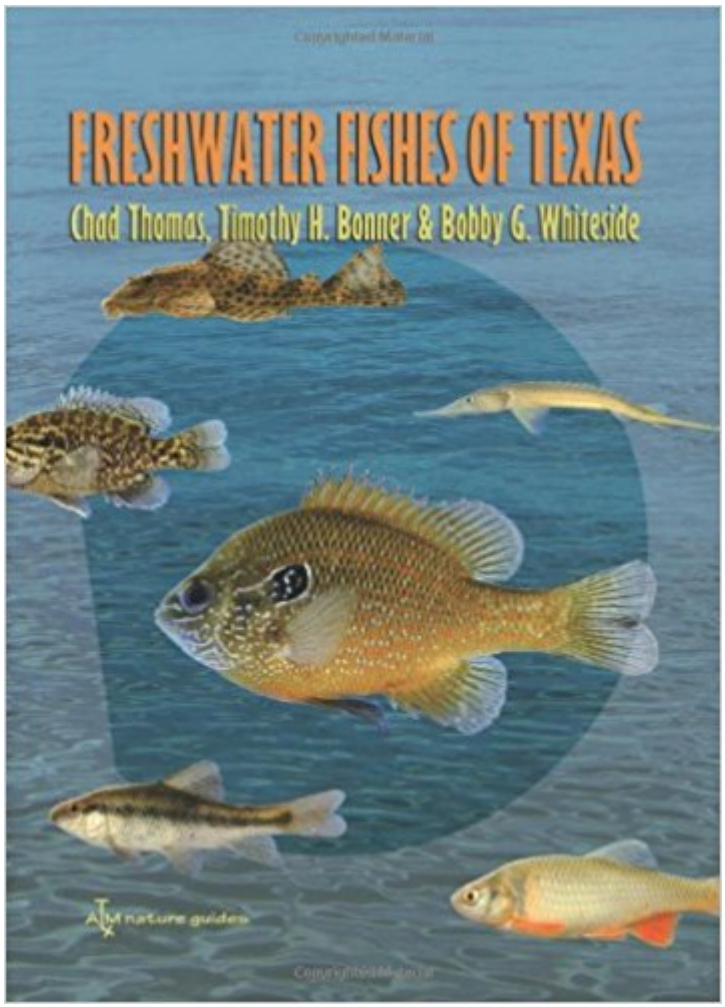
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Synopsis

Containing habitat information, physical descriptions, photographs, and range maps for more than 150 species of freshwater fishes that can be found in Texas, this field guide is an indispensable reference and research tool for ichthyologists, professional fisheries biologists, amateur naturalists, and anglers alike.Ã Â The introductory section offers an illustrated guide to the common counts and measurements used for fish identification; a brief explanation of fish phylogeny; and a scientific key to help identify the fish families in Texas.Ã Â The book includes species accounts of native and introduced fishes found in the freshwaters of Texas. Each account covers the physical characteristics, habitat, and distribution of the fish, with additional comments of interest or importance to its life history and conservation status. With the largest collection to date of color photographs, including various color phases (breeding and non-breeding colors), the book also includes range maps within the species accounts. The closing pages of the book feature a glossary and reference section.Ã Â In a time when the stateÃ¢â ¬â„¢s water resources are beset by issues growing in both number and complexity, this book provides information for professionals and policy makers. It also contributes to the natural history education of the public. To learn more about The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment, sponsors of this book's series, please click here.

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CHAD THOMAS began working on this field guide while employed as a research scientist in the Department of Biology at Texas State University in San Marcos. He is currently an intern and contractor at Texas State. TIMOTHYÃ Â H.Ã Â BONNER is an assistant professor of biology at the Aquatic Station at Texas State University. BOBBYÃ Â G.Ã Â WHITESIDE is Distinguished Professor of Biology Emeritus at Texas State University.

High quality paperback, almost hardbound, this 200+ page book provides a 3-page 27-step guide to fish identification that is a great help if you catch something you’re not familiar with. All photos are clear, with precise information for each fish, including physical characteristics, what part of the state they are found, and often some extra comments. This is not a ’how to fish’ book. I highly recommend this book as an accurate, easy to use pocket guide as habitat location and fish identification.

Since I’m a graduate of Texas State University, and the school is located pretty much on a river with a rather large aquatic life science department, I’m willing to say this is the best book on Texas Native Fishes. I purchased this book to research and identify fish for a native aquarium.

Super book and service! Thanks!

We started saving money by catching native fish for our aquariums (within the regulations of state law). This book has been very helpful for identifying the non-game fish that most people wouldn’t recognize. It helps me brag on local forums on what I caught without looking like an idiot and not accidentally bringing home threatened or endangered species.

Very informative, great for school.

Overall a good book, especially for the price. However, it has only a key to the families, and no key

to the species found in Texas. The book also does not offer any quick ways to distinguish similar species. Some photos are great, others or poor. The range maps show only a general distribution in Texas and not specific localities, and no overall geographic distribution. Very little natural history is provided for each species. This could have easily been a 4 star book had it included a key to the species.Also, the book strangely makes no mention of the Comanche Springs pupfish.

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