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Learning About New Mexico's Wildlife Largemouth Bass

Largemouth Bass (*Micropterus salmoides*)

The largemouth bass, the most popular sportfish in the U.S., is technically not a bass, but the largest member of the sunfish family. Both largemouth and smallmouth bass are sometimes called black bass.

Native to warm fresh waters east of the Mississippi, largemouth bass have been transplanted throughout much of the world. They are present in all of the major drainages of New Mexico except the Tularosa Basin. Elephant Butte, Ute and Conchas are the best largemouth bass reservoirs in the state.



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