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Catfish Identification

Channel Catfish



Channel Catfish

* A: Body with dark spots (spots may be absent in large adults)
* B: Outer margin of anal fin rounded, and anal fin with 24 to 29 rays

[More about channel catfish](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/species/ccf/)

Blue Catfish



Blue Catfish

* A: Body without dark spots
* B: Outer margin of anal fin straight, and anal fin with 30 to 36 rays

[More about blue catfish](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/species/blc/)