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44 Fish Species Found in the Yellow River!

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Arnie, remember back on June 17th when we reported that Phil Sylla discovered a Northern Brook Lamprey in the Yellow River near Tozer Lake Road? Well, It turns out Phil's discovery was actually a **Southern Brook Lamprey!**

Getting to the bottom of this aquatic mystery took a team effort. We owe a massive shout-out to Craig Roberts (our local DNR Fish Biologist) and Madeline Roberts (the DNR Stream Biologist for Northwest Wisconsin). They didn't just help us get our facts straight on this incredibly cool, non-parasitic creature—they went above and beyond.

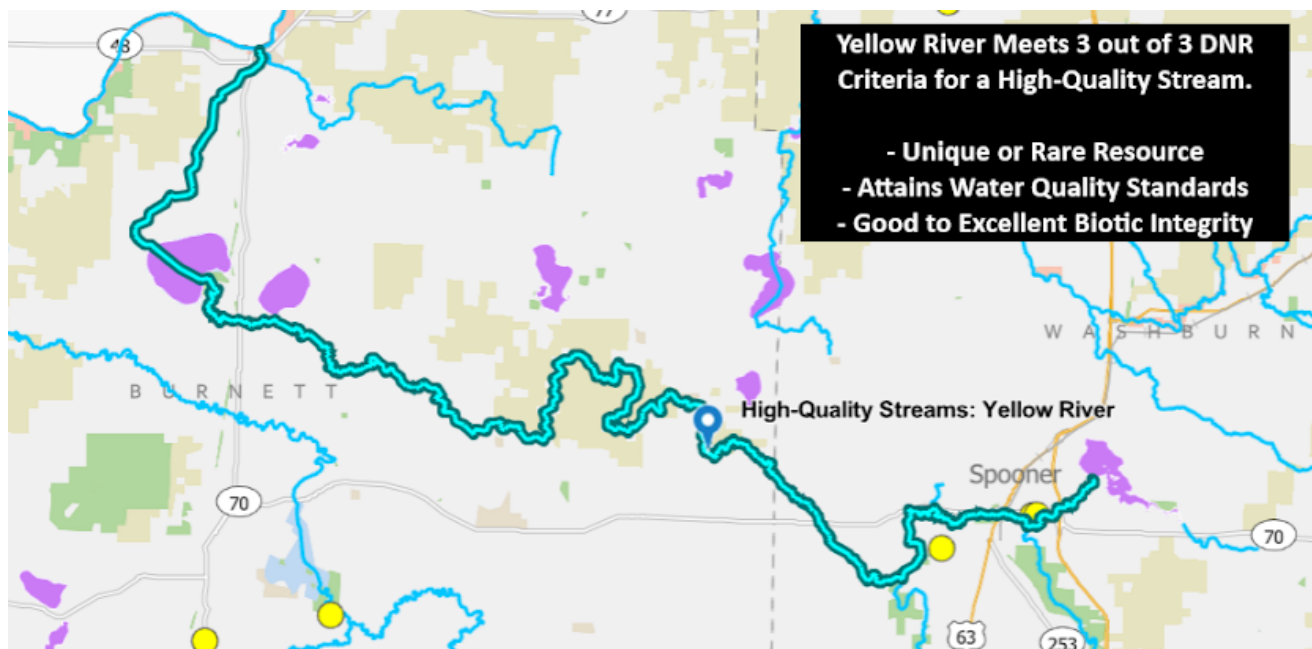
Thanks to their expertise, we now have a complete, official master list of the **44 distinct fish species** known to call the Yellow River home! *Thank you, Craig and Madeline!*

Why 44 Species is a Massive Deal

Boasting 44 different fish species isn't just a cool trivia stat—it is living proof of a thriving ecosystem. This incredible biodiversity is a major reason why the Yellow River scores a rating of **"Good to Excellent" for Biotic Integrity**.

For context, Biotic Integrity is one of the three strict criteria the DNR uses to officially classify a body of water as a **High-Quality Stream**. We are incredibly lucky to have this ecological treasure right in our backyard.

Check out the full, remarkable list of the Yellow River's underwater residents below!



Fish Species in the Yellow River

(Burnett & Washburn CO. WI.)

BANDED KILLIFISH

BLACK BULLHEAD

BLACK CRAPPIE

BLACKCHIN SHINER

BLACKNOSE SHINER

BLUEGILL

BLUNTNOSE MINNOW

BROOK SILVERSIDE

BROWN TROUT

CENTRAL MUDMINNOW

CENTRAL STONEROLLER

CHANNEL CATFISH

CHESTNUT LAMPREY

COMMON SHINER

CREEK CHUB

FATHEAD MINNOW

FRESHWATER DRUM

GOLDEN REDHORSE

GREATER REDHORSE

HORNYHEAD CHUB

JOHNNY DARTER

LAKE STURGEON

LAMPREYS (AMMOCOETE)

LARGEMOUTH BASS

LARGESCALE STONEROLLER

LONGNOSE DACE

LOGPERCH

MIMIC SHINER

MUSKELLUNGE

NORTHERN HOG SUCKER

PUMPKINSEED

ROCK BASS

SHORthead REDHORSE

SILVER REDHORSE

SMALLMOUTH BASS

SOUTHERN BROOK LAMPREY

SPOTFIN SHINER

STONEROLLERS

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