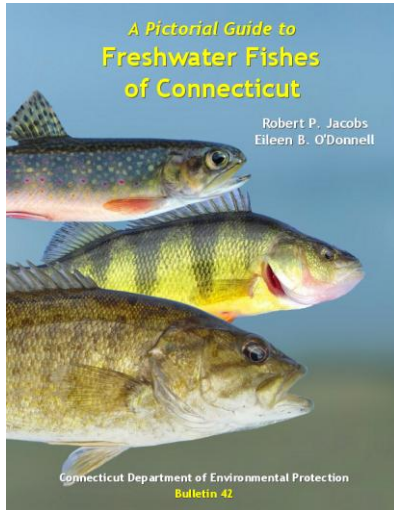


Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection Announces New Publication: “A Pictorial Guide to Freshwater Fishes of Connecticut”

The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is proud to announce a new publication; “**A Pictorial Guide to Freshwater Fishes of Connecticut**”. Written by DEP biologists Robert P. Jacobs and Eileen B. O’Donnell, “**A Pictorial Guide to Freshwater Fishes of Connecticut**” is the first publication to present multiple, high resolution, full-color photos of most New England and all Connecticut freshwater fish species, including all anadromous species and occasional visitors from salt water.



The typical field guide format illustrates only one photo per animal which cannot express the variation in form and color that is common among fish species. This guide presents an assortment of large, color photos for most species that show what a fish looks like “in the hand” and reflect the diversity of form and color found in the environment. In addition, aquarium shots are presented for some species because colors and patterns look different underwater. Also included are photos of juvenile fish, which can look very different from adults of the same species.

This hybrid field guide/coffee table book simplifies the process of fish identification for beginners. Included is an easy-to-see graphic, “Guide to Families of Connecticut Freshwater Fishes.” Readers can easily find the correct family on the graphic, which will direct them to a section of the book with photographs where they can narrow down the field and make identification easy and fun. For those more scientifically inclined, the book also contains a standard taxonomic key to fish families

and species.

Besides the photos, detailed information is presented for each species on identification, distribution, size, abundance, habits, how to observe and catch them, and what’s unique about them. It also includes special sections on how to catch and observe fish in nature, including tips on angling and snorkeling and how to keep freshwater fish in aquariums.

The book is dedicated to the late Walter R. Whitworth, who wrote the definitive work on Connecticut fishes, “Freshwater Fishes of Connecticut” which was first published in 1968 with a 2nd edition in 1996. The new book is not designed to replace this publication, but to act as an update, supplement and companion to his work.

This guide and other environmental books and gifts are available at the Connecticut DEP bookstore. Orders may be placed by calling (860) 424-3555 or visiting www.ctdepstore.com.