

**THE FIRST RECORD OF  
THE QUILLBACK CARPSUCKER  
(CARPIODES CYPRINUS)  
IN ILLINOIS WATERS  
OF LAKE MICHIGAN**

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**ABSTRACT**

This is the first record of a quillback carpsucker in Illinois waters of Lake Michigan. The fish was captured by electro-shocking in Jackson Park Harbor in Chicago, Illinois on June 21, 1989. The total length of the fish was 31.7 cm and it weighed 448.5 g. The quillback carpsucker is found primarily in streams and rivers in central and northern portion of Illinois but has not been reported in Illinois waters of Lake Michigan (Smith, 1979). There is only one documented report of the quillback carpsucker in Lake Michigan and that fish was captured at the extreme southwestern portion of Green Bay in Wisconsin (Becker, 1976).

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