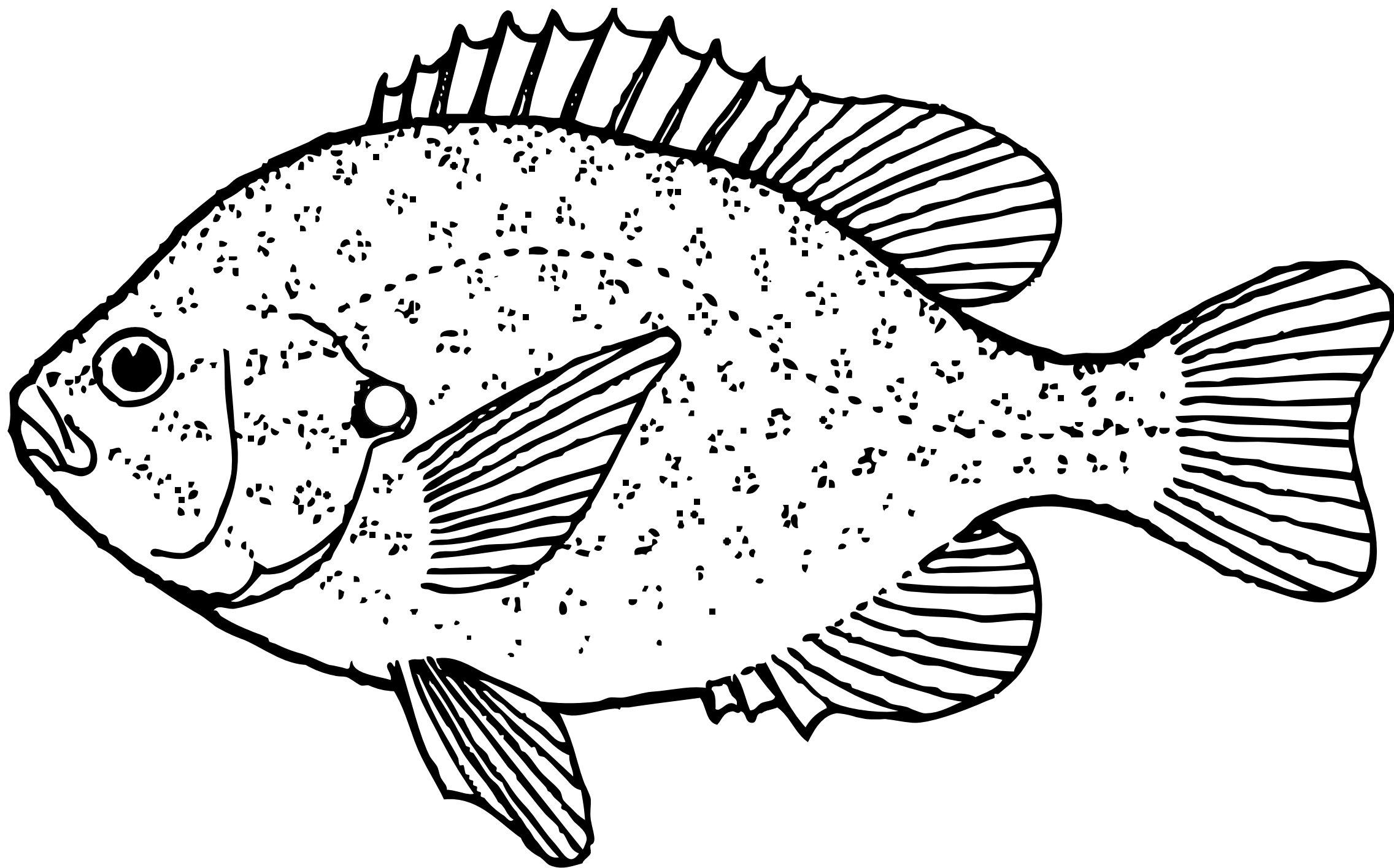


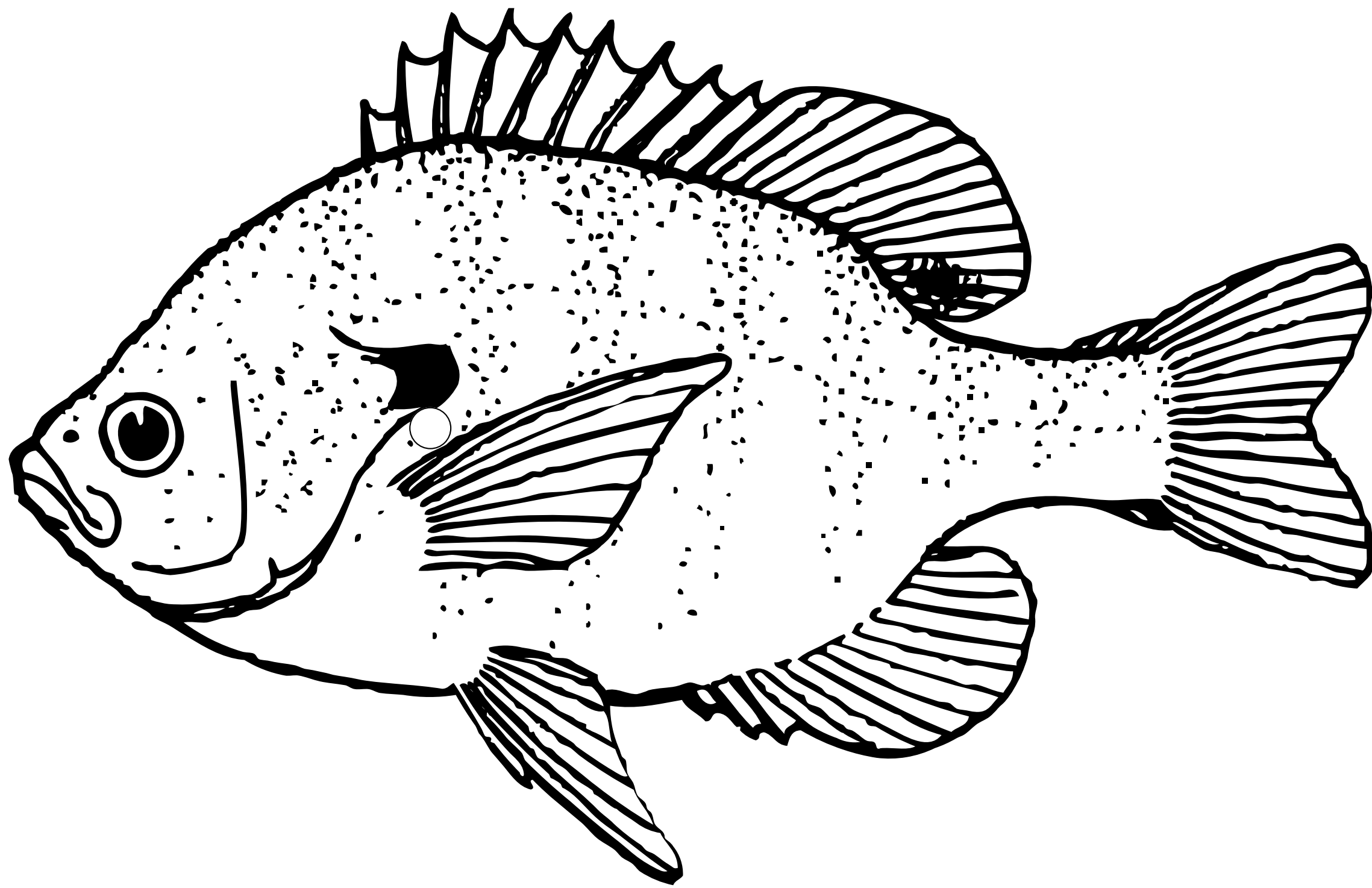
SUNFISH AT ELBOW LAKE

Elbow Lake is home to many species of fish including the pumpkinseed and bluegill! These two sunfish look quite similar but their colouring can help to distinguish them. Learn how to identify these sunfish by colouring in the pictures below!



PUMPKINSEED

Pumpkinseeds are freshwater fish native to the area. They are orange, yellow, green or blue in colour with a predominantly orange belly and speckles. Females also have vertical bands. It's most distinct characteristic is a bright orange spot on its gill cover.



BLUEGILL

Bluegills are also freshwater fish native to the area. They have a deep blue on their face and gill cover, with dark green vertical bands. Their belly is orange or yellow. It's most distinct characteristic is a dark blue spot on the edge of the gill and dorsal fin.

FUN FACTS

- Sunfish prefer to live in heavily vegetated areas, with warm, shallow water and a slow-moving current
- Sunfish are carnivorous and prey on smaller fish
- Sunfish build nests in the sand and the males guard it