

Sturgeon Word Search!



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Hint: Words can be backwards or upside down!

- ACIPENSER** – The Genus, or the first part of the sturgeon's scientific name *Acipenser fulvescens*.
- AMPHIPODS** – A small, shrimp-like invertebrate that sturgeon like to eat.
- ANADROMOUS** – Migrating up river to spawn.
- BARBELS** – The sensory organs on a sturgeon's nose.
- BENTHIC** – To live on the bottom of the river or lake.
- CARTILAGE** – What most of a sturgeon's skeleton is made of, like a shark.
- CAVIAR** – Sturgeon eggs that people like to eat.
- CHIRONOMIDS** – Also known as midges, these worm-like creatures are sturgeon food.
- DORSAL FIN** – The fin on top of the sturgeon.
- EGGS** – A female sturgeon can lay up to 700,000 eggs in a season! Eggs hatch in 5-8 days.
- FISH** – A sturgeon is classified as a bony fish because its ancestors likely had bones.
- FULVESCENS** – The second part of the sturgeon's scientific name, the Species.
- GIANT** – Lake sturgeon can be up to 6 feet long and weigh 200 pounds!

- GREAT LAKES** – Home to lake sturgeon.
- HETEROCERCAL FIN** – Like a shark's tail, the backbone extends to the tip of the caudal fin.
- INDIGENOUS** – Sturgeon are indigenous, or native, to the Great Lakes region.
- LARVAE** – Baby sturgeon that have just emerged from the egg that still have a yolk sac.
- LIVING FOSSIL** – Sturgeon retain many features of ancient fish.
- NARES** – The nostrils or "nose."
- OMNIVORE** – Sturgeon eat both plants and animals.
- REEF** – Sturgeon require a rocky reef to lay their eggs.
- SCUTES** – The hardened, plate-like structures on the sides of sturgeon.
- ST. CLAIR** – Sturgeon live in the St. Clair River and Lake St. Clair between the USA and Canada.
- STURGEON** – A large fish native to the Great Lakes.
- THREATENED** – Sturgeon are state-threatened, meaning that they could be soon considered endangered across some or all of their range without intervention.

