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Re: Fish ID Mike; anyone?

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Don't get me wrong...Mike's an asset to have on this site and his input is often invaluable, but in a case like this it's impossible to 100% for sure ID the fish without a picture or more descriptive and scientific account of the fish. Based on the info in the thread so far, all of the mentioned species are possible.

Hybrids of the four common PA sunfishes (Bluegill, Green, Pumpkinseed, Redbreast) occur naturally and it's often very hard to accurately determine the species of their parents just by looking at them. Add to that, sunfish hybrids are often not sterile and can reproduce themselves, making IDing them even tougher. If several species are present in a watershed or lake, you can easily get lots of mutts.

Again, no way to tell accurately, but I'd probably lean away from a GreenxPumpkinseed hybrid here due to the OP's mentioning of a very large mouth on his fish. Greens have very large mouths for their size, but Pumpkinseeds have very small mouths, about the same or smaller than a Bluegill of equal size even. A GreenxPumpkinseed hybrid will have a mouth size somewhere in between its parents, but definitely smaller than a pure Green. Still, what stumps me most is that no Greens were turned up in the survey FI posted the link to.