



Illinois ENDANGERED & THREATENED SPECIES



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lake sturgeon *Acipenser fulvescens* [state endangered]

The lake sturgeon lives in lakes and rivers in areas with firm, silt-free bottoms of gravel, rock and sand. Maturity is reached at about age 20 years. Lake sturgeons commonly live 40 years and have been known to live more than 150 years. The lake sturgeon feeds on the bottom using its extendible mouth to suck up small invertebrates like snails, insect larvae and crayfish.

Reasons for Concern

- construction of dams
- destruction of spawning areas

