Grade level:
Pre-K to 4th

Objective:
Learn about bluegill in New Mexico by coloring the following illustration while reading about its importance and why it was transplanted throughout New Mexico in the 1930’s. Anglers can find feisty, 5-to-7-inch bluegill in almost any warm New Mexico waters. An iridescent blue color on the lower jaw and gill cover gives the bluegill its common name. With a rounded flat body, small mouth, and olive-brown back the bluegill has 5-to-9 indistinct vertical double bars along its sides.