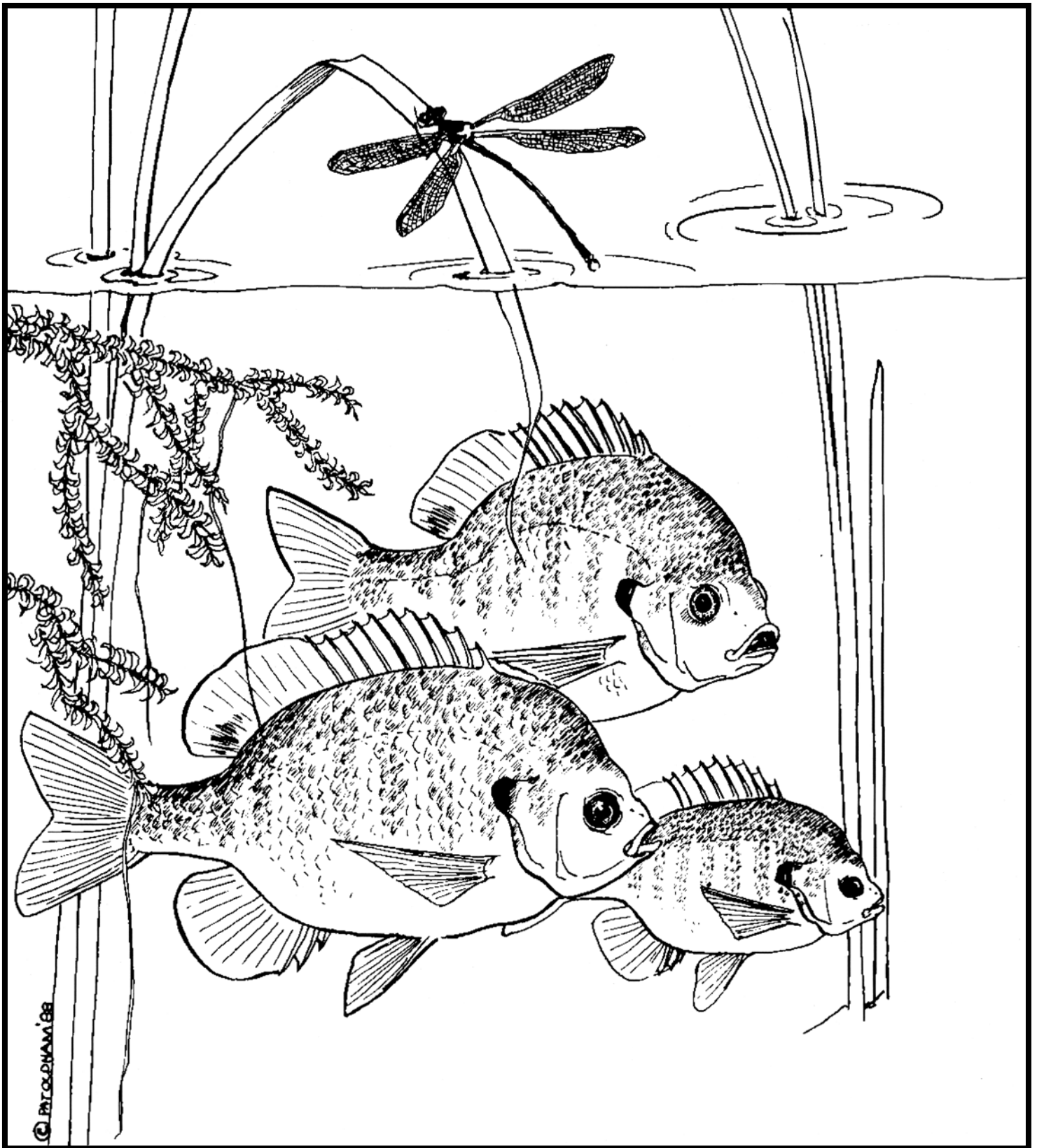




Bluegill

Bluegills are colorful fish with a dark patch of blue along their gills. The body is olive-green with vertical bars sometimes highlighted with blue and orange. Bluegills belong to a group of fish known as sunfish, which also includes black crappie and green sunfish. Bluegills live together in "schools" in lakes ponds and streams. During the summer, they lay their eggs in shallow-underwater holes. The holes are scooped out and then guarded by the males. Male bluegills make grunting sounds to attract females to these nests, which are usually found in clustered groups.