

**Simon Pond General Biological Survey (#521016)**  
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Simon Pond (R-P180) is a 640-acre waterbody in the Raquette River system and is hydraulically connected to Tupper Lake and the Raquette River. It is located about one mile south of the village of Tupper Lake. Simon Pond Has a maximum depth of 42 feet, and is virtually surrounded by private ownership, but there is public access from Tupper Lake or the Raquette River.

This survey was undertaken to document reports of the presence black crappie in the Tupper Lake system. There are also angler reports of black crappies upstream in Long Lake (R-P241) as well. Black crappie have been documented even further upstream in Forked Lake (survey #519001), and in Raquette Lake in 2012 (Fieroh J. 2015).

On 5/21/21 a total of 1.08 hours of boat electrofishing was conducted, three runs - 0.5, 0.25, and 0.33 hours in an effort to collect black crappie. Two black crappie were caught (235 and 330mm) and one more was observed. Also, three walleye were collected (581, 664, and 668 mm respectively) and five more were observed. Black crappie were aged by otoliths and walleye were aged by their scales (Table 1).

Table 1. Ages with length and weight of individual fish from Simon Pond, 2021.

Species	Age	Length (in.)	Weight (lbs.)
Black crappie	5	9.2	0.4
Black crappie	6	13.0	1.1
Walleye	8	25.7	6.3
Walleye	9	22.9	4.3
Walleye	10	26.3	6.0

Fieroh J. 2015. Raquette Lake 2015 Lake Trout Population Monitoring Report. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Ray Brook, NY.

