

Cichlids in Nicaragua: The Fishes





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Overview of the Fishes

The fish fauna of the the two lakes I visited in Nicaragua are strikingly different. Lake Xiloa has a diverse fauna, consisting of at least x [cichlids](#), a [sleeper goby](#) and a few other [miscellaneous](#) fishes.

The Cichlids

There are at least nine species of cichlids in Lake Xiloa and two species in Lake Apoyo.

		
<p><i>Archocentrus nigrofasciatus</i> pair (female on right)</p>	<p><i>Archocentrus centrarchus</i></p>	<p><i>Astatheros longimanus</i></p>
		
<p><i>Astatheros rostratus</i> male. Photo from Costa Rica)</p>	<p><i>Hypsophrys nicaraguense</i> pair</p>	<p><i>Neetroplus nematopus</i> pair (photo from Costa Rica)</p>

	no photo (yet!)	
<i>Amphilophus citrinellum</i> "barlowi" adults with fry	<i>Parachromis managuensis</i>	<i>Parachromis dovii</i> female (photo from Costa Rica)

Sleeper Goby



Miscellaneous Fishes

List of fishes found at Lake Xiloa

The following chart is incomplete

Family	Species	Common Name	Occurence
Cichlidae		cichlids	
	<i>Archocentrus centrarchus</i>		
	<i>Archocentrus nigrofasciatus</i>	convict	
	<i>Astatheros longimanus</i>	rose-breast cichlid	
	<i>Astatheros rostratus</i>		
	<i>Hypsophrys nicaraguensis</i>		
	<i>Neetroplus nematopus</i>		
	<i>Amphilophus citrinellum</i>	midas cichlid	

	<i>Parachromis dovii</i>	guapote; Wolf cichlid	
	<i>Parachromis managuense</i>	guapote; Jaguar cichlid	

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