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Lake Fact Sheet – Parry Sound District

Bird Lake

Location

Official Name: Bird Lake Local Names: Bird's Lake
 County/District: Muskoka Geographic Twp: Oakley
 Municipality: Town of Bracebridge MNR Admin. Area: Bracebridge
 Lat./Long: 44.0444 N 79.0636 W UTM (NAD83): 17 652499 4989711
 Topographic Map (1:50,000): 31E03 Drainage Basin: South Muskoka River

Physical Features

Surface Area (ha): 63 Maximum Depth (m): 7 Mean Depth (m): 3
 Elevation (m asl): 308 Perimeter (km): 6 Island Shoreline (km): 0
 Volume (10^4 m^3): 190 Watershed (km^2): 13 Water Clarity (m): 3.0
 (excludes area of lake)

Land Use and Development

Crown Land (%): 5 Provincial Parks: none
 Shoreline Development: moderate; shoreline residential
 Access: private; status unknown
 Water Level Management: not regulated

Fish Species

Major Fish Species: largemouth bass (I 1976), brook trout (E?)
 Other Fish Species: white sucker, yellow perch, brown bullhead, creek chub, pumpkinseed,
 bluntnose minnow, common shiner
 Other Species:

Notes: E: extirpated, I: introduced – intentional or accidental, O: occasional, R: remnant, S: currently stocked, ?: status uncertain,
 2009: year of first record or introduction if known, blank: presumed native

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Fisheries Management

<i>Fisheries Management Zone:</i>	15
<i>Designation for Lake Trout Management:</i>	not designated
<i>Fishing Regulation Exceptions</i>	no lake-specific exceptions
<i>Current Stocking:</i>	none
<i>Historic Stocking (last year stocked):</i>	brook trout (1948), largemouth bass (1976)
<i>Contaminants (species tested):</i>	none
<i>Assessment:</i>	<i>Completed Projects:</i>
	1965 biological survey report
	1974 lake survey

Synopsis

There is limited information available concerning the fishery of Bird Lake. It supported a native brook trout population and supplemental stocking occurred for a short period in the 1940's and 50's. One letter from 1972 relates that they were 'plentiful' at one time. With the development of the lake, the population declined and largemouth bass were stocked. No assessment has been done since the bass introduction, but it is believed that a self-sustaining population is present, and that the brook trout are probably extirpated. It is possible that other species, such as smallmouth or rock bass have become established via illegal stocking.

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