

CALIFORNIA POND
New Canada, Aroostook Co.
U.S.G.S. Square Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)	Minnows (cont'd)
Brown bullhead (hornpout)	Redbelly dace
White sucker	Golden shiner
Minnows	Fathead Minnow
Creek chub	Common shiner
Pearl dace	Blacknose shiner
Finescale dace	Stickleback

Physical Characteristics

Area - 128 acres

Maximum depth - 5 feet

Principal Fishery: None

Temperatures

Surface - 80° F.

5 feet - 80° F.

California Pond is a large, shallow, silt-bottomed pond well suited to the production of bait fishes. Water temperatures become too high during summer to support many coldwater gamefish although a few brook trout survive in areas of cool spring influence. The shoreline is comprised of dead tamarack and cedar, flooded by a beaver dam on the outlet.

California Pond contains no major tributaries. Several small trickles entering the upper end of the pond are impounded by beaver flowages. Low flows and the boggy nature of the outlet stream limit its value for brook trout. Small, cool, side trickles provide nursery areas but lack spawning gravel.

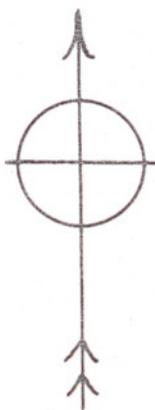
The scarcity of trout habitat and severe competition from suckers, minnows and bullheads preclude stocking.

Access is via a gravel road and a quarter-mile walk through the woods.

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