## WHIPPLE POND T5 R7, Somerset County U.S.G.S. Spencer Lake, Me.

## Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail) White sucker

Minnows Creek chub Common shiner

## **Physical Characteristics**

Area — 112	acres		Τe
Maximum	depth-4	feet	

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{emperatures} \\ \text{Surface} - 78^{\circ} \ \text{F.} \\ 4 \ \text{feet} - 73^{\circ} \ \text{F.} \end{array}$ 

Whipple Pond is a typical bog-type pond. The water is somewhat acid and tends to get very warm in the summer. The pond bottom is covered with a deep layer of organic matter from the death and decay of aquatic vegetation which is abundant in Whipple.

Ponds of this type often provide good trout fishing if competition from other species is light. In Whipple, however, suckers clearly dominate the pond and offer severe competition to trout for food and space. They are abundant and grow to large size. Consequently, good trout fishing cannot be expected.

Trout are reported caught in limited numbers. The inlet, though small, has areas where trout may spawn, and probably this is the source which produces enough trout for a small fishery.

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