



## BRIDLE SHINER

*Notropis bifrenatus*

### **Description:**

- ◇ straw colored
- ◇ distinct dark lateral band from tip of snout, ending as a spot at the base of the caudal fin
- ◇ body slightly compressed
- ◇ incomplete lateral line (except in large fish, greater than 2 inches)
- ◇ scales on back darkly outlined
- ◇ 7 anal rays

### **Size:**

- ◇ up to 2.5 inches

### **Range:**

- ◇ St. Lawrence - Lake Ontario drainage; Atlantic slope drainages from southern Maine to Roanoke River system in southern Virginia
- ◇ found in brackish water in southern parts of its range

### **Facts:**

- ◇ prefers sites with submerged aquatic vegetation
- ◇ found in ponds, lakes and small to medium rivers
- ◇ feeds by sight during the day

- ◇ eats small insects, crustaceans and plant material
- ◇ eggs sink and adhere to vegetation

### **BRIDLE SHINER CATCH TOTALS**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total</b>
2007	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1</b>

\*bridle shiners were only caught during the years shown

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