



BROWN BULLHEAD

Ameiurus nebulosus

Description:

- ◆ 5 to 8 sawlike teeth on rear of pectoral spine
- ◆ dark brown to black above
- ◆ lighter below
- ◆ dark mottling on sides and back
- ◆ 8 dark barbels

Size:

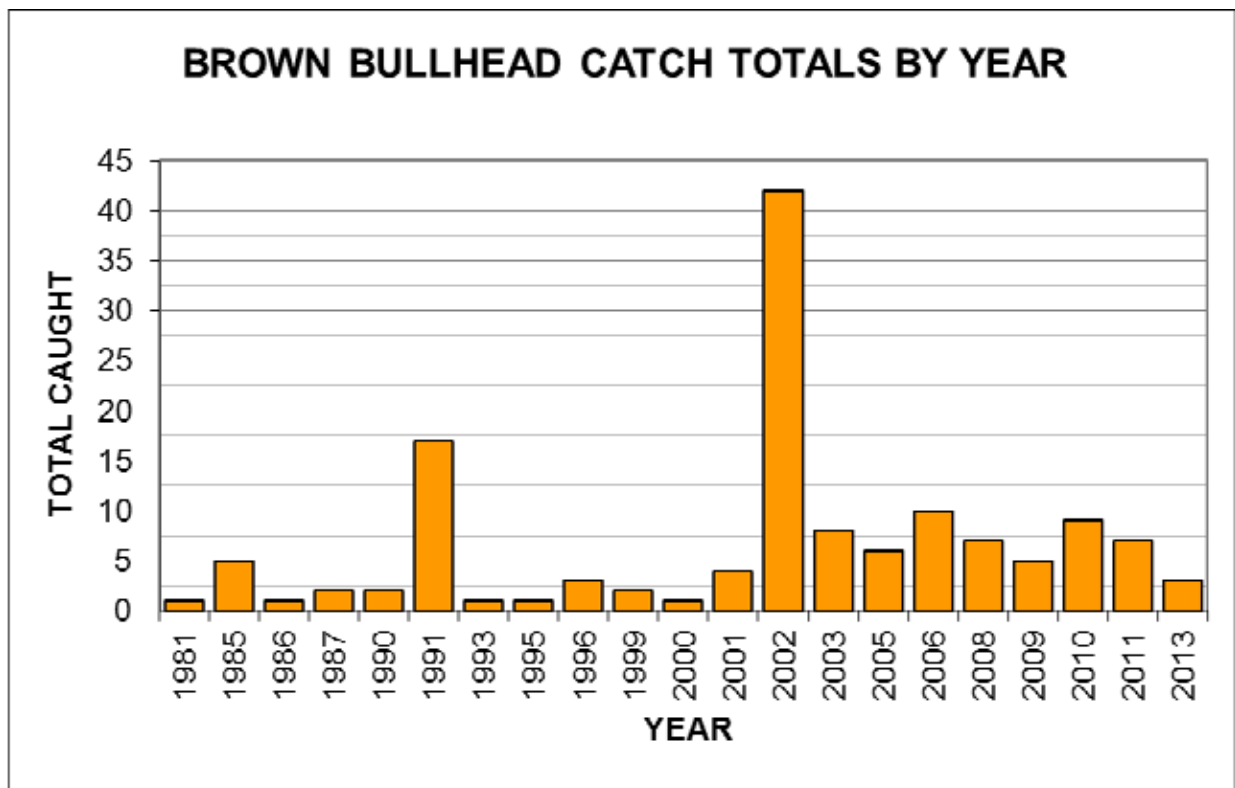
- ◆ up to 21 inches

Range:

- ◆ native to Atlantic and Gulf Slope drainages from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to Mobile Bay, Alabama and St. Lawrence- Great Lakes, Hudson Bay and Mississippi River basins from Quebec west to southeastern Saskatchewan and south to Louisiana

Facts:

- ◆ prefer pools and slow moving, soft bottom creeks and rivers; lakes, ponds and impoundments
- ◆ spawn spring to early summer
- ◆ monogamous during spawning season
- ◆ spawn only once during the season
- ◆ young usually cared for by male for up to 29 days
- ◆ average lifespan is 6 to 8 years
- ◆ very social, schooling fish
- ◆ benthic opportunistic omnivores



*brown bullheads were only caught during the years shown

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