



CREEK CHUB

Semotilus atromaculatus

Description:

- ◇ olive brown above
- ◇ faint dark stripe along sides
- ◇ black band along rear of gill cover
- ◇ large black spot at dorsal fin origin
- ◇ breeding males have tubercles on top of their head and are pink below with orange fins
- ◇ pointed snout
- ◇ small flap like barbell at each corner of mouth

Size:

- ◇ up to 12 inches

Range:

- ◇ most of eastern US and southeast Canada in Atlantic, Great Lakes, Hudson Bay, Mississippi River and Gulf basins from Manitoba south to New Mexico and east

Facts:

- ◇ inhabit rocky and sandy bottomed pools of headwaters, creeks and small rivers
- ◇ one of the most common fishes in eastern North America

- ◇ lifespan is up to 8 years
- ◇ young eat small crustaceans and water fleas
- ◇ adults eat insects, worms and small fish
- ◇ males build and defend nest
- ◇ females lay 25 to 50 eggs and leave
- ◇ males cover eggs with gravel then dig new pit immediately downstream; eventually forming a ridge of pebbles several feet long

CREEK CHUB CATCH TOTALS

Year	Total
1996	7
1997	1
1999	3
2003	1
Grand Total	12

*creek chubs were only caught during the years shown

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