



## **EASTERN SILVERY MINNOW**

*Hybognathus regius*

### **Description:**

- ◇ silvery in color; lacks distinctive color patterns
- ◇ small, slightly subterminal mouth
- ◇ black peritoneum (lining of body cavity)

### **Size:**

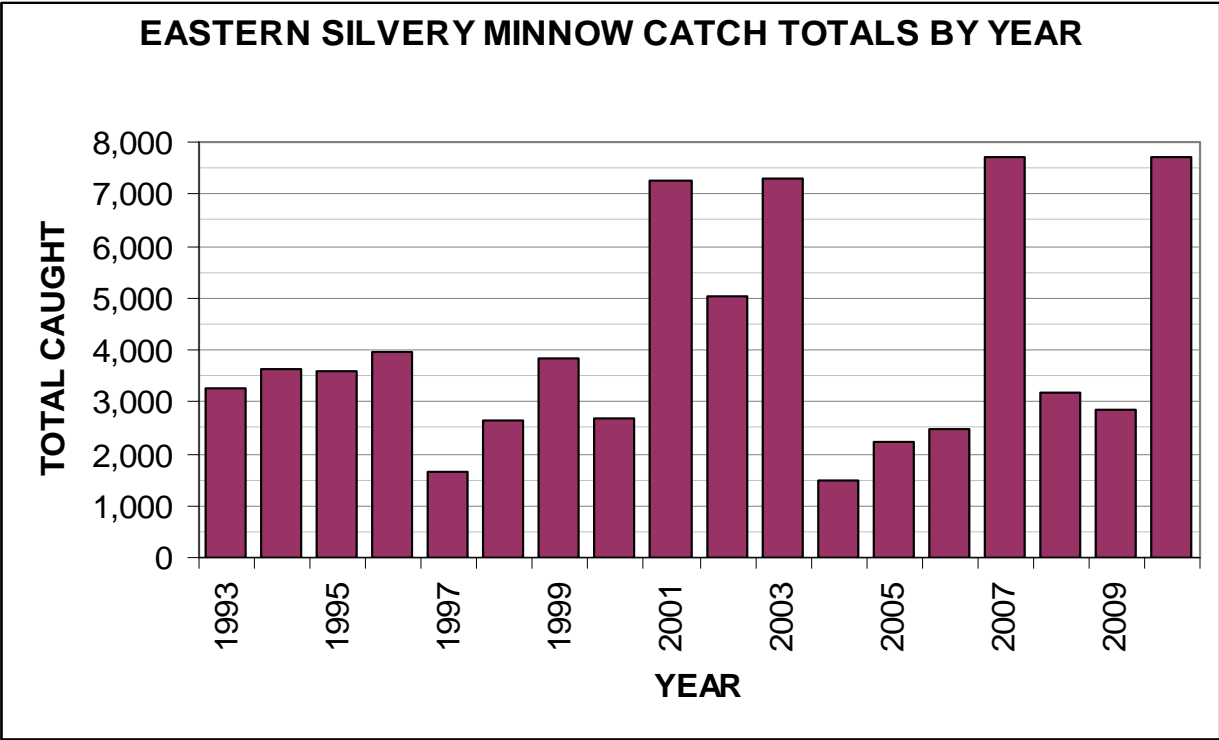
- ◇ 3-5 inches

### **Range:**

- ◇ Atlantic slope from St. Lawrence River drainage in Quebec to Altamaha River Drainage in Georgia; Lake Ontario drainage in Ontario and New York

### **Facts:**

- ◇ lifespan about 3 years
- ◇ sexually mature at 2 years
- ◇ spawn in spring when water temps are 10°C -20°C
- ◇ spawning is communal and takes place during daylight hours
- ◇ eggs are laid over bottom in well vegetated backwaters or slow moving tributary streams and hatch in 6-7 days
- ◇ very long intestine adapted to digest algae and detritus



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