



QUILLBACK

Carpiodes cyprinus

Description:

- ◇ deeply compressed body, giving flat appearance from side view
- ◇ olive gray above
- ◇ silvery sides
- ◇ long 1st dorsal ray
- ◇ upper jaw does not extend beyond front of eye
- ◇ white to orange paired fins
- ◇ non-paired fins are dusky gray
- ◇ typical sucker mouth

Size:

- ◇ up to 26 inches

Range:

- ◇ throughout much of eastern North America from Saskatchewan, Canada south to Florida and west to South Dakota, Kansas and Alabama; Great Lakes

Facts:

- ◇ prefers pools, backwaters, main channels of creeks, small to large rivers and lakes
- ◇ feed and reproduce in schools
- ◇ bottom feeders
- ◇ females and males migrate to spawning areas and release eggs and sperm respectively in shallow waters
- ◇ eggs remain unguarded on open substrate
- ◇ eggs hatch in 8-12 days and are almost immediately independent

QUILLBACK CATCH TOTALS

Year	Total
2007	41
Grand Total	41

*quillbacks were only caught during the years shown

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