



SILVER PERCH

Bairdiella chrysoura

Description:

- ◇ silver body, darker above
- ◇ pale yellow fins
- ◇ faint dark stripes along scale rows; darker above lateral line
- ◇ large terminal mouth
- ◇ lack teeth

Size:

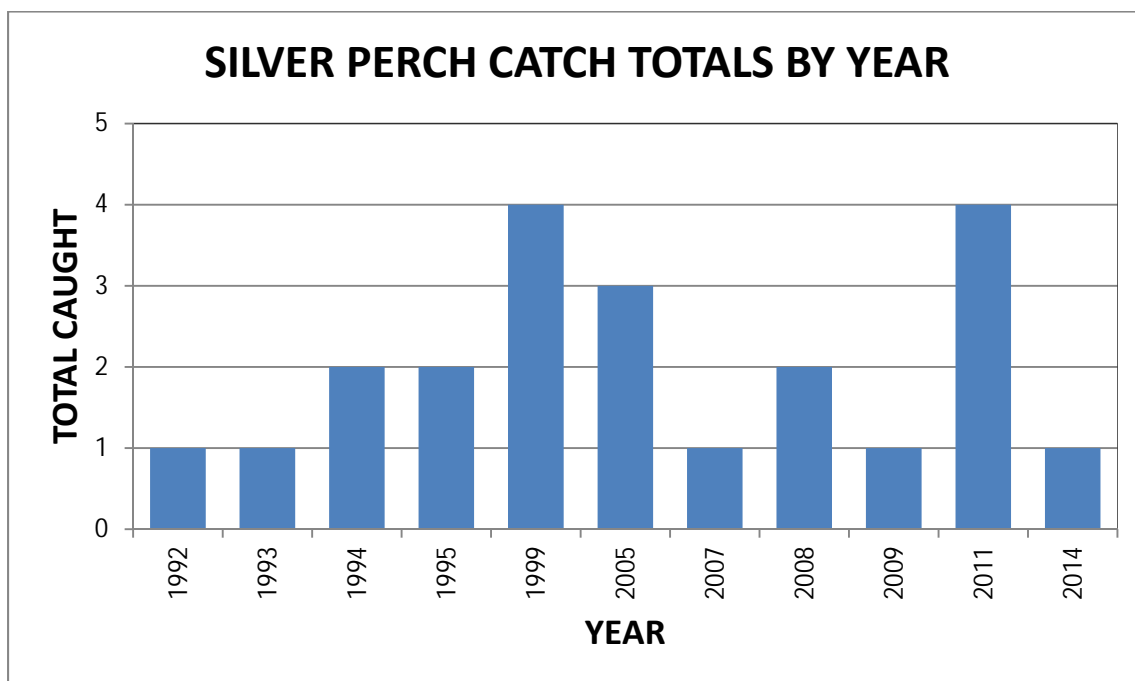
- ◇ up to 12 inches; more commonly less than 9 inches

Range:

- ◇ New York to southern Florida and eastern and northern Gulf of Mexico to northern Mexico

Facts:

- ◇ prefers mud and sandy bottoms in near shore waters and especially bays and estuaries
- ◇ feed on small crustaceans and small fish
- ◇ spawn May to September in shallow saline waters, such as bays and other inshore areas
- ◇ member of the drum family
- ◇ often confused with white perch
- ◇ moves to deeper waters in winter



*silver perch were only caught during the years shown

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