



## **SPOTTAIL SHINER**

*Notropis hudsonius*

### **Description:**

- ◆ slightly elongate, compressed body
- ◆ large eyes
- ◆ stubby, round snout
- ◆ subterminal mouth
- ◆ pale olive above
- ◆ dark black spot at base of caudal fin

### **Size:**

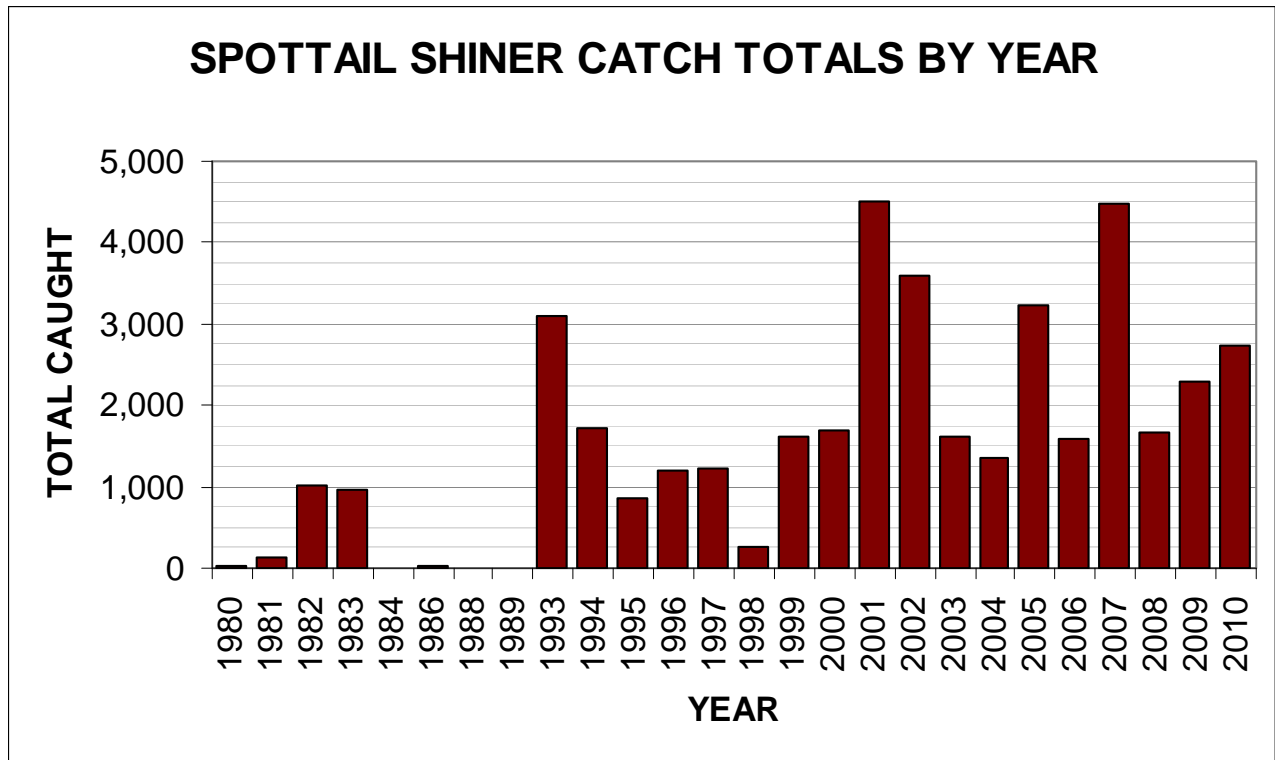
- ◆ up to almost 6 inches

### **Range:**

- ◆ Atlantic and Gulf slope drainages from St. Lawrence River, Quebec to Altamaha and upper Chattahoochee Rivers, Georgia; Hudson Bay, Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins from Ontario to Mackenzie River drainage, Northwest Territories and Alberta, and south to northern Ohio, southern Illinois, and northeast Montana

**Facts:**

- ◆ feed on insects, clams, young shiners, fish eggs and plants
- ◆ spawn mid April to mid June
- ◆ spawning occurs over sand or gravel bottoms, in algae or in tidal waters
- ◆ 100 to 8898 eggs per female



\*spottail shiners were only caught during the years shown

\*less than 20 fish were caught in 1980, 1984, 1986, 1988 and 1989

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