



BRIDLE SHINER

Notropis bifrenatus

Description:

- ◇ straw colored
- ◇ distinct dark lateral band from tip of snout, ending as a spot at the base of the caudal fin
- ◇ body slightly compressed
- ◇ incomplete lateral line (except in large fish, greater than 2 inches)
- ◇ scales on back darkly outlined
- ◇ 7 anal rays

Size:

- ◇ up to 2.5 inches

Range:

- ◇ St. Lawrence - Lake Ontario drainage; Atlantic slope drainages from southern Maine to Roanoke River system in southern Virginia
- ◇ found in brackish water in southern parts of its range

Facts:

- ◇ prefers sites with submerged aquatic vegetation
- ◇ found in ponds, lakes and small to medium rivers
- ◇ feeds by sight during the day

- ◇ eats small insects, crustaceans and plant material
- ◇ eggs sink and adhere to vegetation

BRIDLE SHINER CATCH TOTALS

Year	Total
2007	1
Grand Total	1

*bridle shiners were only caught during the years shown

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