



CREEK CHUBSUCKER

Erimyzon oblongus

Description:

- ◇ chubby body
- ◇ no lateral line
- ◇ olive brown above, creamy white below
- ◇ adults have 5 to 8 faint dark saddles
- ◇ yellow-orange to olive-gray fins; amber or red caudal fin
- ◇ almost terminal mouth with 2 halves of lower lip nearly forming a right angle
- ◇ breeding males have 3 tubercles on each side of snout; pink-yellow below; orange paired fins, yellow median fins

Size:

- ◇ up to 8 inches

Range:

- ◇ Atlantic Slope drainages from southern Maine to Altamaha River, Georgia; Lake Ontario drainage, NY; Gulf Slope drainages from Chattahoochee River, Alabama to Texas; lower Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins from southern Michigan and southeast Wisconsin south to Gulf of Mexico

Facts:

- ◇ prefer vegetated areas in sand and gravel bottom pools of headwaters, creeks and smaller rivers
- ◇ young, smaller fish form schools

- ◇ large adults are solitary
- ◇ females spawn with 1 male
- ◇ female buries her snout in the gravel when she is ready to spawn
- ◇ feed on aquatic invertebrates and insect larvae

CREEK CHUBSUCKER CATCH TOTALS

Year	Total
1983	3
1984	1
1985	9
1987	3
1988	1
1993	1
2003	1
Grand Total	19

*creek chubsuckers were only caught during the years shown

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