



GOLDEN SHINER

Notemigonus crysoleucas

Description:

- ◆ extremely compressed body
- ◆ strong decurved lateral line
- ◆ scaleless keel between pelvic and anal fins
- ◆ small upturned mouth
- ◆ silver in clear but turbid water
- ◆ gold sides and fins in brownish water

Size:

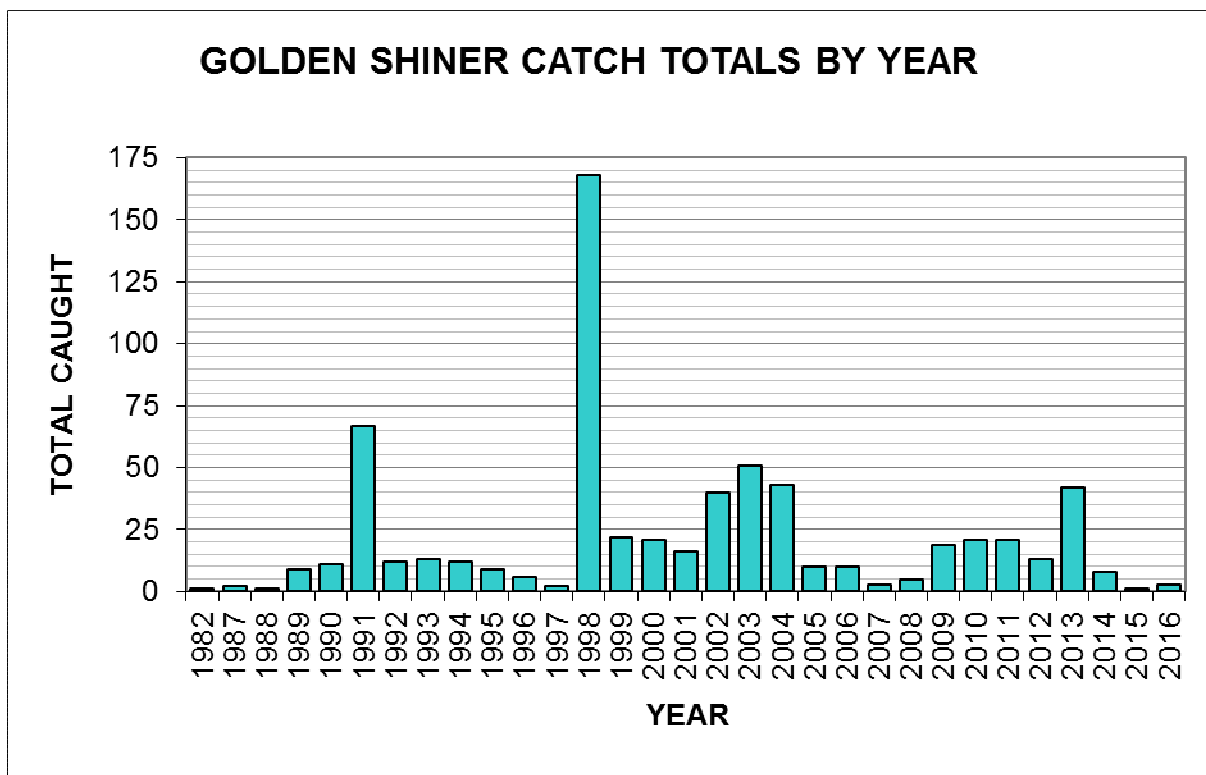
- ◆ up to 12 inches

Range:

- ◆ Atlantic and Gulf Slope drainages from Nova Scotia to south Texas; Great Lakes, Hudson Bay and Mississippi River basins west to Alberta, Montana, Wyoming and west Oklahoma

Facts:

- ◆ inhabit well vegetated ponds, lakes, swamps, backwaters and pools of creeks and small to medium rivers
- ◆ spawn from May through August
- ◆ may spawn 4 to 5 times per season
- ◆ eggs are released over and adhere to algae or aquatic plants
- ◆ adults do not care for eggs or young
- ◆ average lifespan is 3 to 6 years
- ◆ social fish
- ◆ feed within an hour of sunset on zooplankton, phytoplankton and microcrustaceans



*golden shiners were only caught during the years shown