



# Quillback

*Carpiodes cyprinus*



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## Description:

- ◆ deeply compressed body, giving flat appearance from side view
- ◆ olive gray above
- ◆ silvery sides
- ◆ long 1<sup>st</sup> dorsal ray
- ◆ upper jaw does not extend beyond front of eye
- ◆ white to orange paired fins
- ◆ non-paired fins are dusky gray
- ◆ typical sucker mouth

## Size:

- ◆ up to 26 inches

## Range:

- ◆ throughout much of eastern North America from Saskatchewan, Canada south to Florida and west to South Dakota, Kansas and Alabama; Great Lakes

## Facts:

- ◆ prefers pools, backwaters, main channels of creeks, small to large rivers and lakes
- ◆ feed and reproduce in schools
- ◆ bottom feeders
- ◆ females and males migrate to spawning areas and release eggs and sperm respectively in shallow waters
- ◆ eggs remain unguarded on open substrate
- ◆ eggs hatch in 8-12 days and are almost immediately independent

## **QUILLBACK CATCH TOTALS**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total</b>
2007	41
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>41</b>

\*quillbacks were only caught during the year shown