



# Banded Killifish

*Fundulus diaphanus*



## **Description:**

- ◆ dark olive to dusky above
- ◆ numerous olive-brown vertical bars along silver side (bars more numerous and wider in males)
- ◆ long slender body
- ◆ top of head is slightly flattened
- ◆ nearly squared tail
- ◆ breeding males have yellow throat and fins
- ◆ 13-15 dorsal rays; 10-12 anal rays

## **Size:**

- ◆ up to 5 inches

## **Range:**

- ◆ Atlantic slope from Newfoundland to Peedee River, South Carolina
- ◆ Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins from Quebec to Manitoba, northern Illinois and northeastern Nebraska and southern Pennsylvania
- ◆ Commonly abundant in the Northeast

## **Facts:**

- ◆ swim in schools
- ◆ inhabit shallow, still perimeter waters of lakes, ponds and slow moving streams
- ◆ prefer sandy to muddy bottoms with vegetation



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