



Creek Chub

Semotilus atromaculatus



<https://www.efish.fishwild.vt.edu>

Description:

- ◆ olive brown above
- ◆ faint dark stripe along sides
- ◆ black band along rear of gill cover
- ◆ large black spot at dorsal fin origin
- ◆ breeding males have tubercles on top of their head and are pink below with orange fins
- ◆ pointed snout
- ◆ small flap like barbell at each corner of mouth

Size:

- ◆ up to 12 inches

Range:

- ◆ most of eastern US and southeast Canada in Atlantic, Great Lakes, Hudson Bay,
- ◆ Mississippi River and Gulf basins from Manitoba south to New Mexico and east

Facts:

- ◆ inhabit rocky and sandy bottomed pools of headwaters, creeks and small rivers
- ◆ one of the most common fishes in eastern North America
- ◆ lifespan is up to 8 years
- ◆ young eat small crustaceans and water fleas
- ◆ adults eat insects, worms and small fish
- ◆ males build and defend nest
- ◆ females lay 25 to 50 eggs and leave
- ◆ males cover eggs with gravel then dig new pit immediately downstream; eventually
- ◆ forming a ridge of pebbles several feet long

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Year	Total
1996	7
1997	1
1999	3
2003	1
Grand Total	12

*creek chub were only caught during the years shown