



Creek Chubsucker

Erimyzon oblongus



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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 chubsucker were only caught during the years shown