



Mosquitofish

Gambusia affinis



Description:

- ◆ dull gray or brown on top
- ◆ silvery sides
- ◆ dark diamond pattern
- ◆ dark bar below the eye
- ◆ usually rows of small black spots on body and caudal fin
- ◆ mouth located on top of the head, for feeding purposes

Size:

- ◆ usually 1.5 inches, rarely reach over 2 inches

Range:

- ◆ New Jersey to south Florida and around the northern Gulf coast of Texas, wide range inland to Illinois

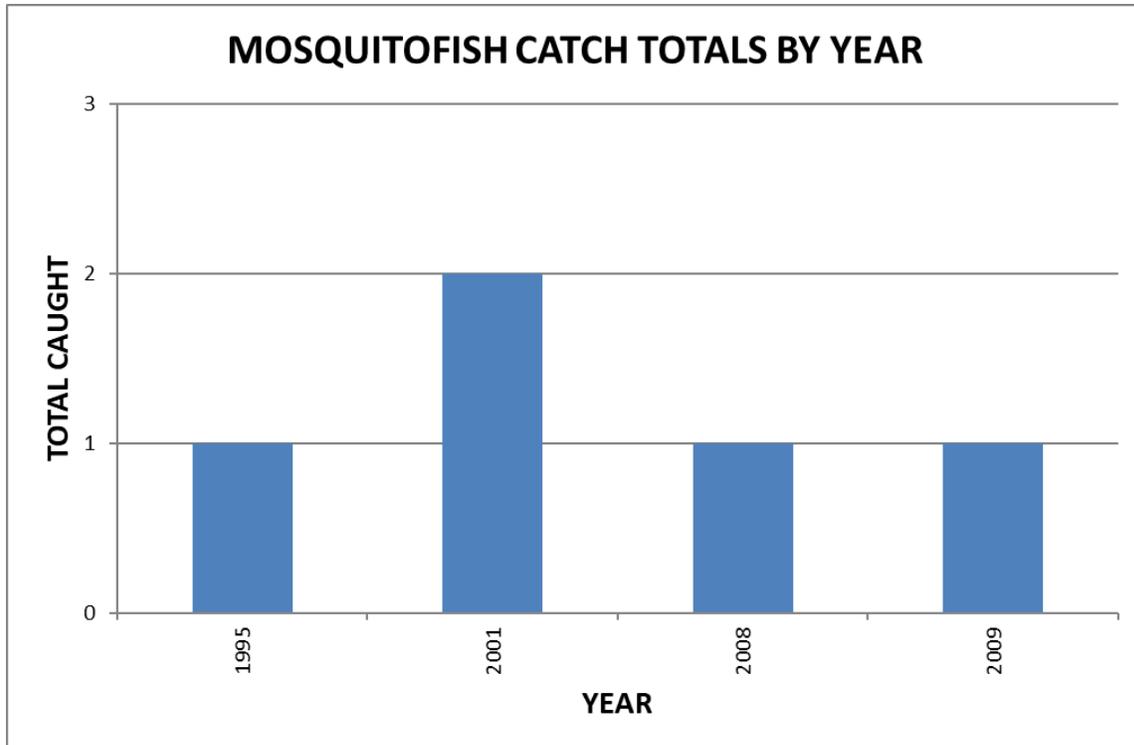
Facts:

- ◆ eat mosquito larvae
- ◆ give birth to live young
- ◆ young look like miniature adults
- ◆ tolerant to high water temperatures and low dissolved oxygen levels
- ◆ require standing water to develop



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*mosquitofish were only caught during the years shown