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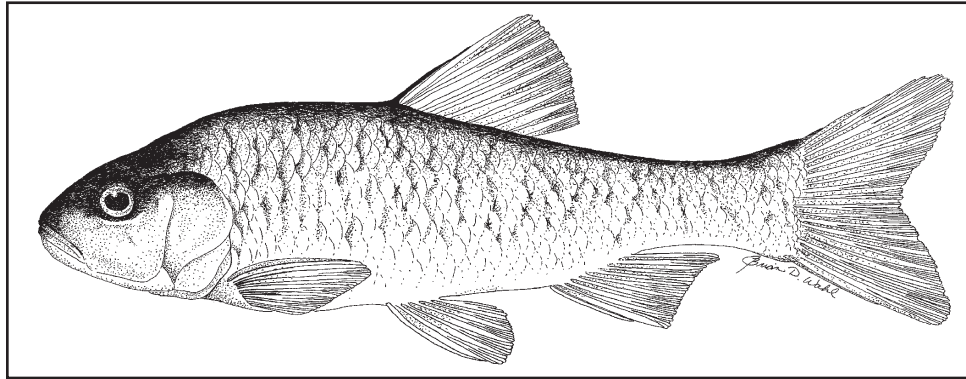
Division of Wildlife

Life History Notes

Striped Shiner

Common Names: Common shiner

Scientific Name: *Luxilus chrysocephalus*



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Identification:

This minnow is deep-bodied and slab-sided. The eyes are large and the mouth is similar to the common shiner. It differs from the common shiner by having a dusky pigment on the chin and faint parallel lines on the upper sides that converge behind the dorsal fin forming "U" shaped markings.

Range and Habitat:

Striped shiners are found predominately in the southern third of Ohio. They prefer clear streams with moderate to high gradients and gravel bottoms.

Life History:

Striped shiners spawn over gravel bottoms. Adults feed on aquatic and terrestrial insects, and small quantities of fish, and are usually found in schools. Adults and juvenile fish migrate downstream to deeper water habitat to overwinter.

Adult Size:

Striped shiners range from 3 to 7 inches in length. The largest known specimen was 9.3 inches long.

Fishing Methods:

Anglers collect striped shiners as bait fish, but there are no known methods for angling.