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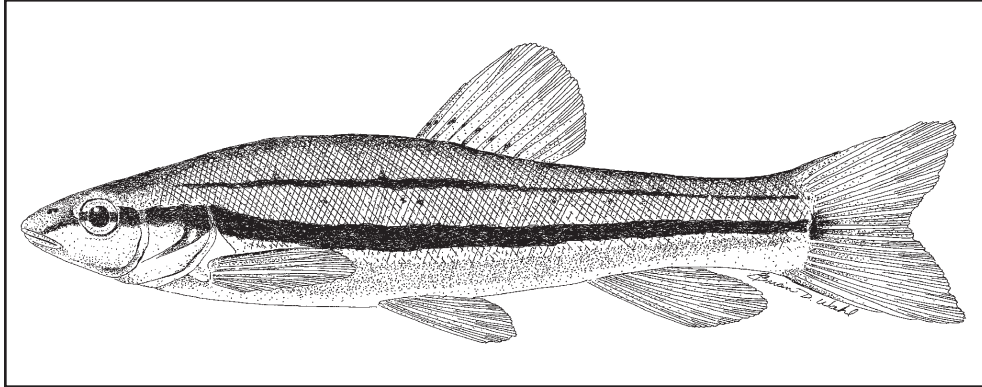
Division of Wildlife

Life History Notes

Southern Redbelly Dace

Common Names: Dace

Scientific Name: *Phoxinus erythrogaster*



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Identification:

The Southern redbelly dace is a slender minnow with extremely small scales and two narrow dusky stripes along its side. These stripes are separated by a broad light colored stripe.

Range and Habitat:

Southern redbelly dace prefer permanent brooks of clear unpolluted water which flow between wooded banks and contain long pools of moving water. These areas should also have undercut banks overhung by vegetation.

Life History:

Southern redbelly dace spawn in aggregations during May. Typically, they spawn in the nest of other minnows or on the clean gravel sections of riffles. This species feeds in groups along the bottom on herbaceous material.

Adult Size:

Southern redbelly dace range from 1.6 to 2.8 inches in length.

Fishing Methods:

There is no known method of angling for this species.