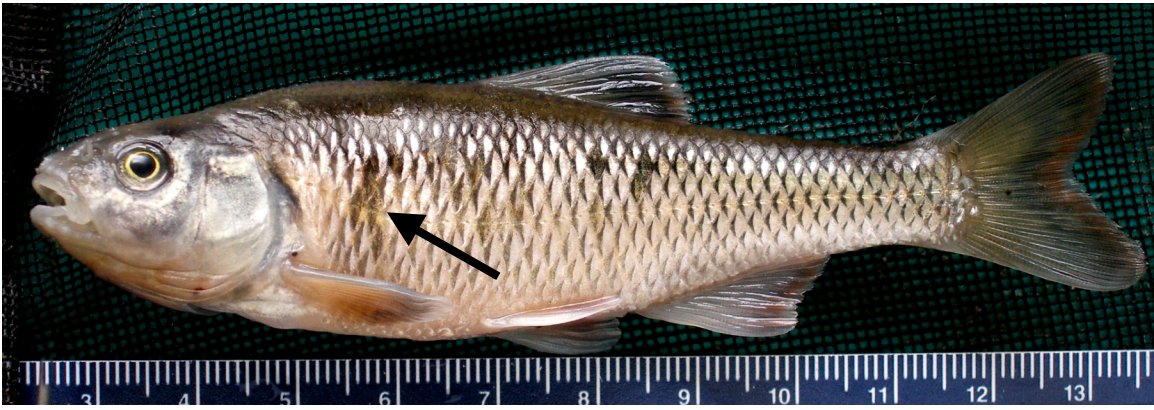


Common fishes in Buffalo River

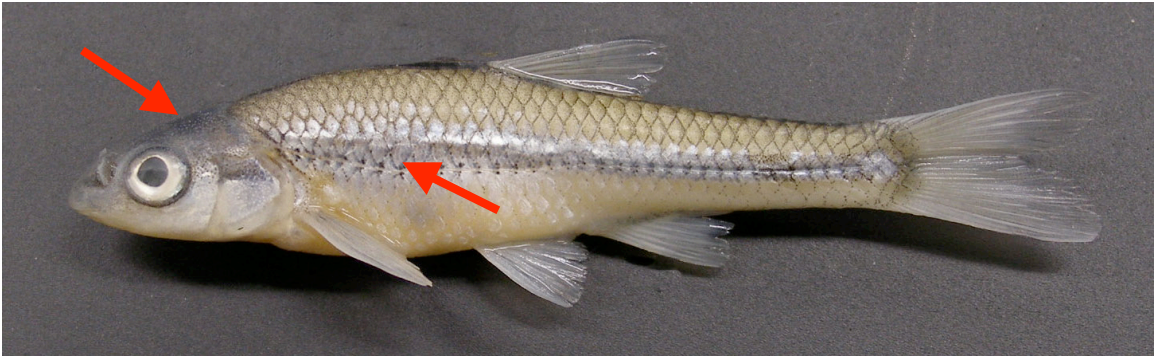
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Common Shiner *Luxilus cornutus*



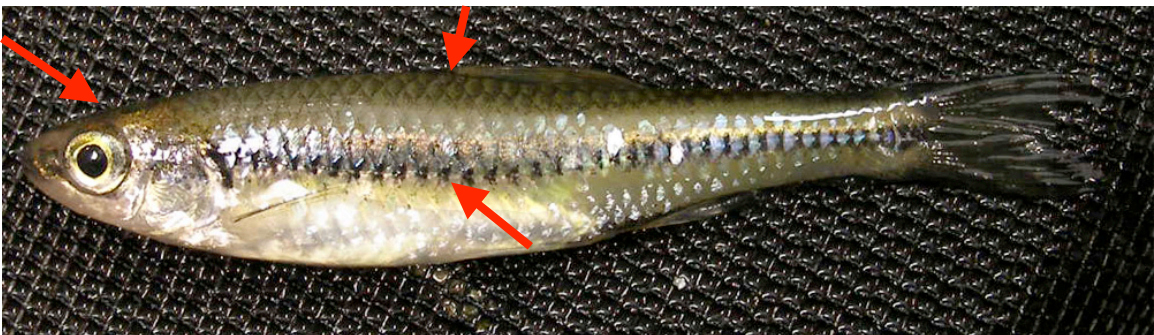
- Scales on side taller than wide
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Bigmouth Shiner *Notropis dorsalis*



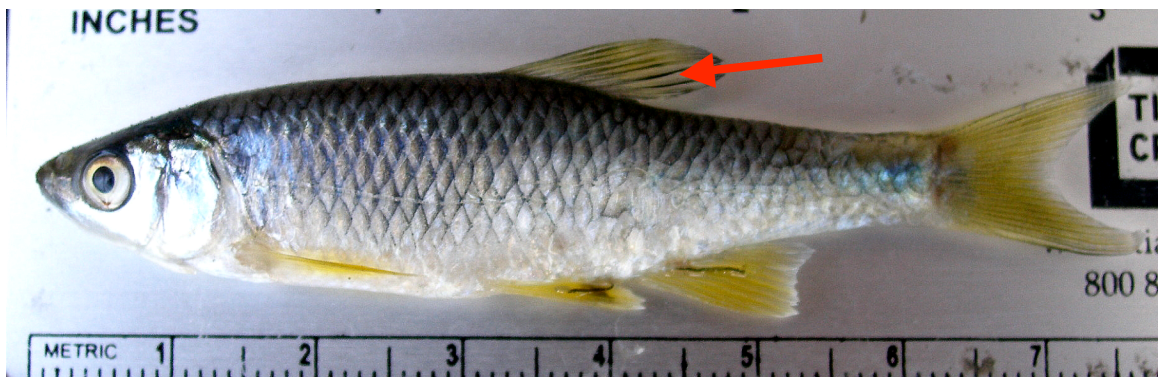
- Lower head than sand shiner
 - Spots along lateral line
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Sand Shiner *Notropis stramineus*



- Head less sloped than bigmouth
- Spots along lateral line
- Line widens to a dark spot in front of dorsal fin

Spotfin Shiner *Cyprinella spiloptera*



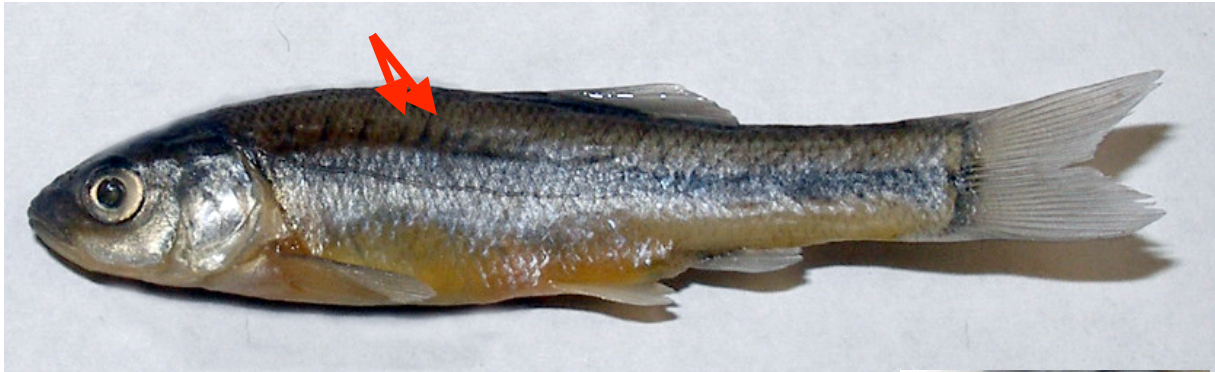
- Dark pigment in membrane of dorsal fin
- Diamond shaped scales

Spottail Shiner *Notropis hudsonius*



- Large spot at base of tail fin

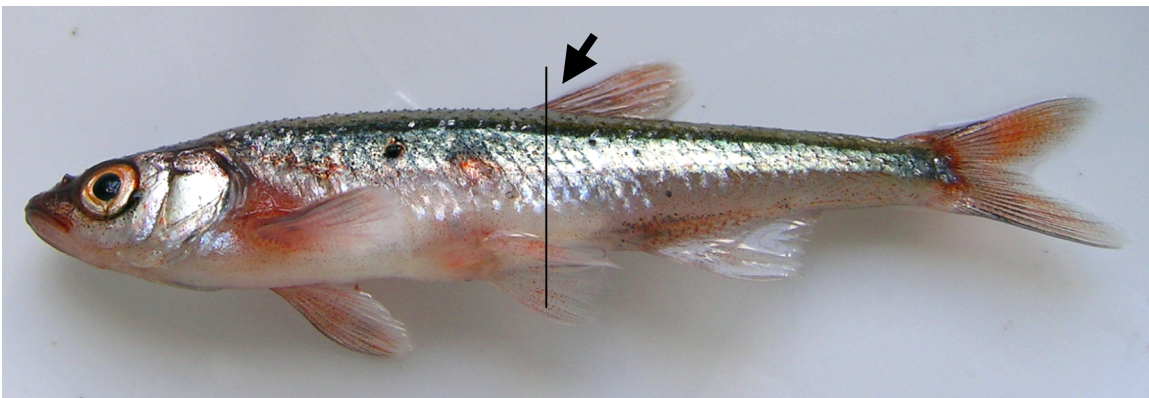
Fathead Minnow *Pimephales promelas*



- Flattened behind the head; scales crowded behind head
- Dark hatch marks on side above lateral line
- Male has tubercles during breeding season
- Very common and variable



Rosyface Shiner *Notropis rubellus*



- Dorsal fin origin behind pelvic fins
- Red color on face, fins and body during breeding season

Longnose Dace *Rhinichthys cataractae*



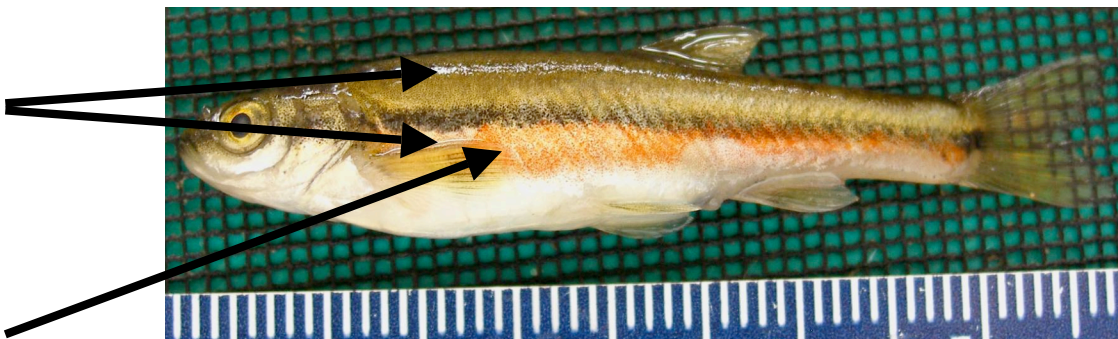
- Small scales
- Upper jaw protrudes beyond lower jaw

Blacknose Dace *Rhinichthys atratulus*



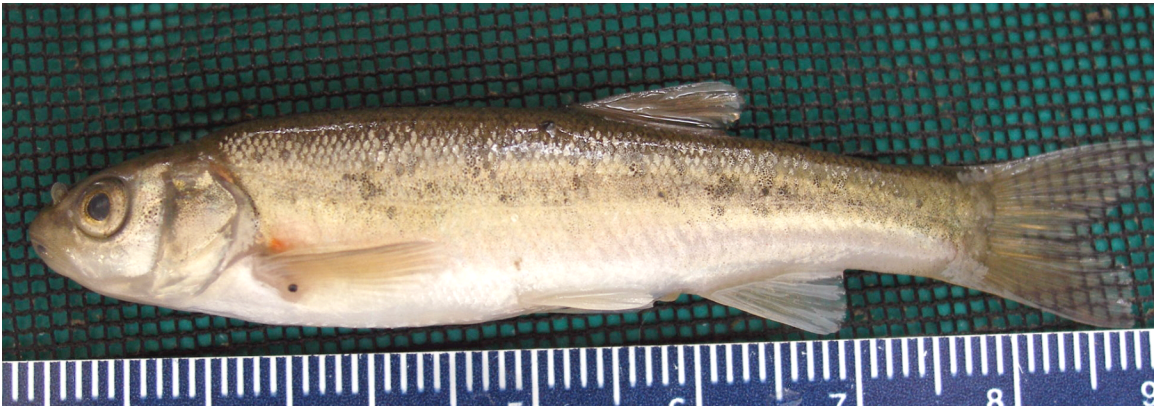
- Small scales
- Upper jaw does not protrude beyond lower jaw

Northern Redbelly Dace *Phoxinus eos*



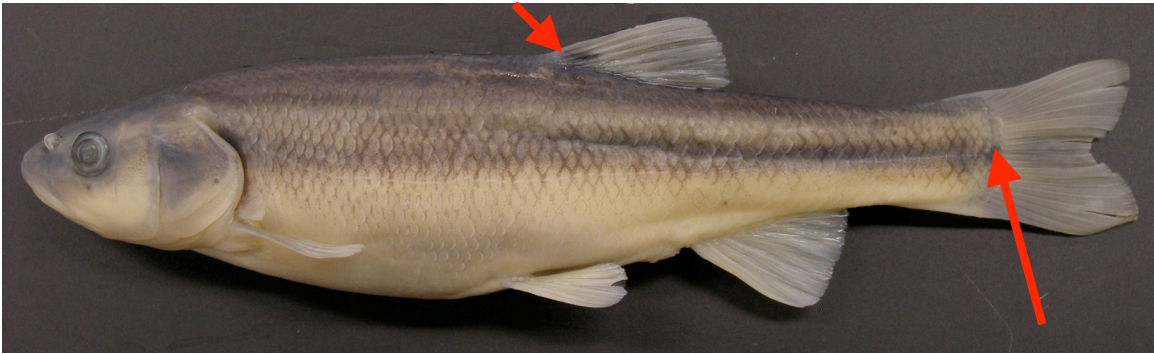
- Two lateral bands
- Red below second lateral band
- Small scales
- Common in marshes and sloughs

Pearl Dace *Margariscus margarita*



- Small scales
 - Similar to creek chub, but no spots
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Creek Chub *Semolitus atromaculatus*



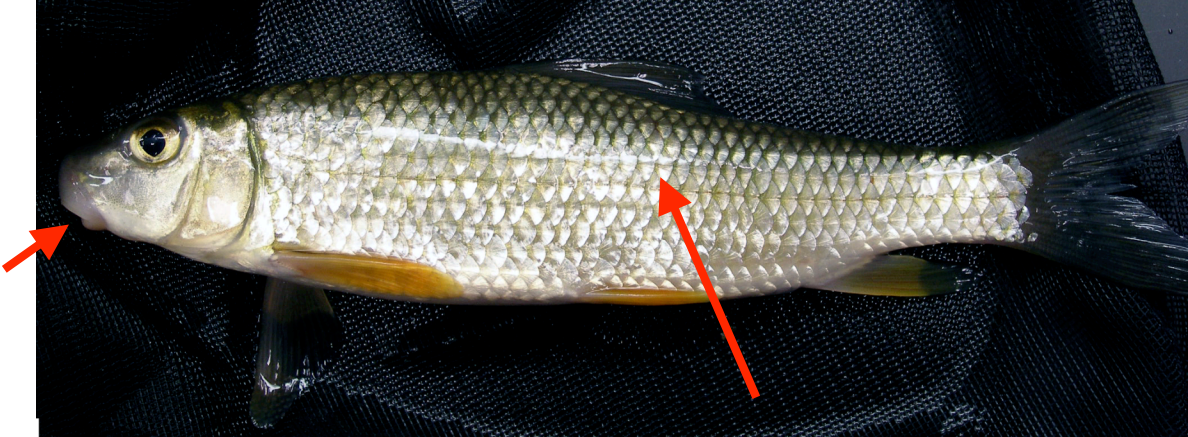
- Spot at base of dorsal fin, spot at base of caudal fin
 - Large mouth
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Hornyhead Chub *Nocomis biguttatus*



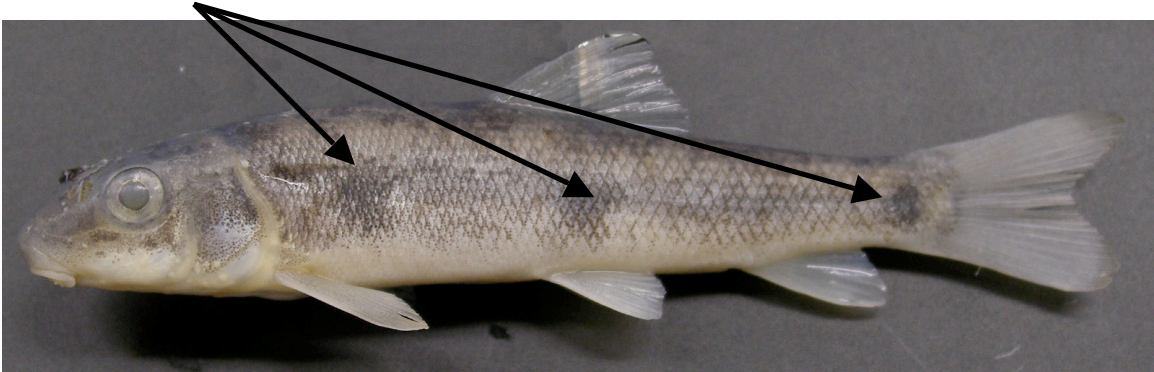
- Spot at base of caudal fin
- No spot on anterior base of dorsal fin

Redhorse *Moxostoma sp.*



- Sucker mouth
 - Scales are same size along lateral line
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White Sucker *Catostomus commersoni*



- Young have 3 vertical dark bands
- Scales larger towards posterior

Channel Catfish *Ictalurus punctatus*



- Fins outlined in black
- Adipose fin distinct from caudal fin
- Forked tail fin

Yellow Bullhead *Ameiurus natalis*



- Barbels are yellow
- Adipose continuous with tail fin

Black Bullhead *Ameiurus melas*



- Barbels on lower jaw dark colored
 - Adipose fin distinct from caudal fin
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Stonecat *Noturus flavus*



- Small, slender catfish
- Adipose fin continuous with dorsal fin
- Found in gravel riffles

Northern Pike *Esox lucius*



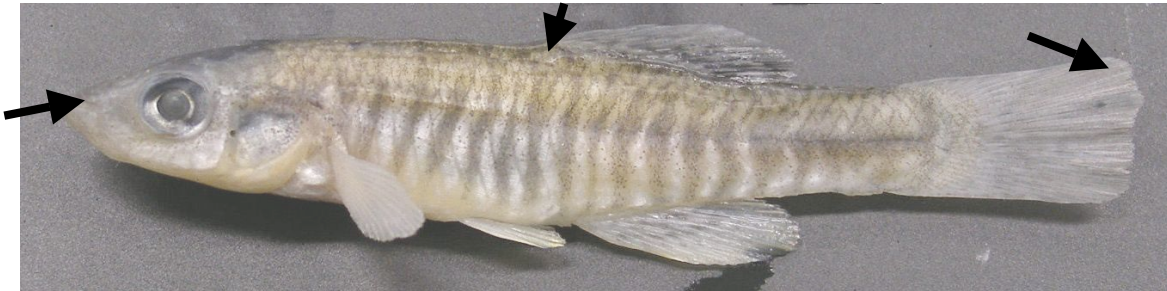
- Duck-bill like mouth

Central Mudminnow *Umbra limi*



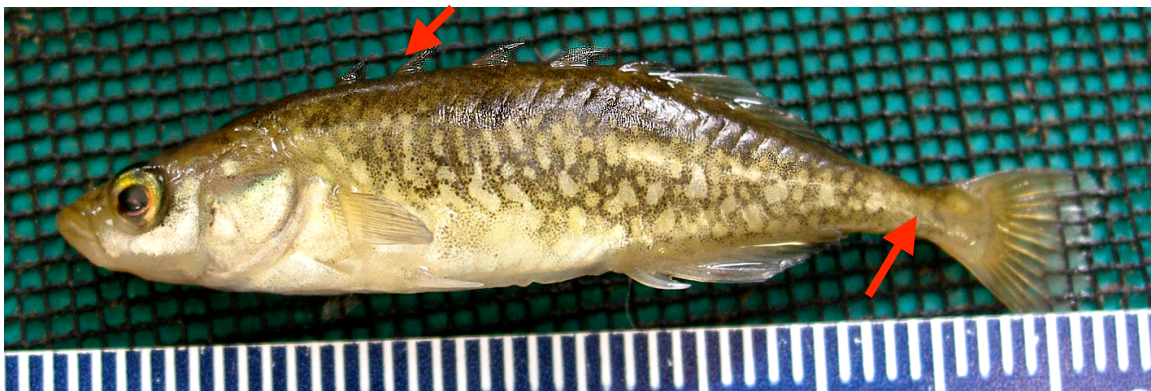
- Vertical line at base of caudal fin
- Head with scales
- Dorsal fin far back
- Tail fin rounded
- Often in sloughs

Banded Killifish *Fundulus diaphanus*



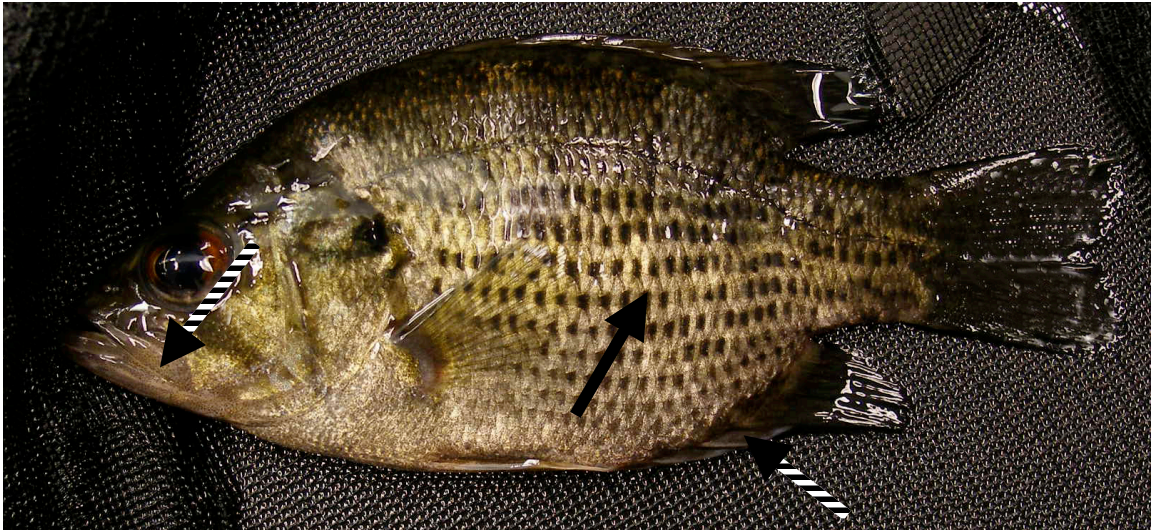
- Dark vertical bands on side
- Dorsal fin set far back
- Rounded tail fin
- Upturned mouth
- Common in lakes

Brook Stickleback *Culaea inconstans*



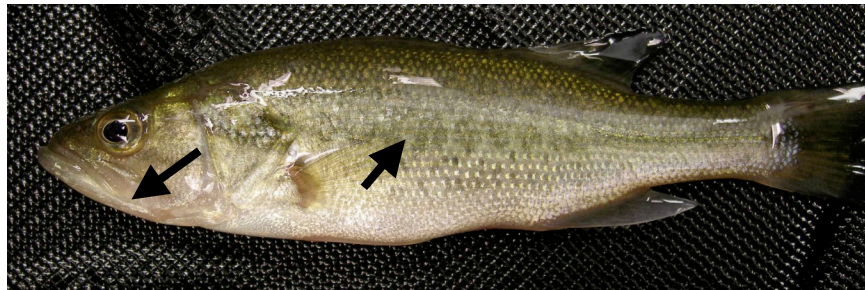
- Series of separate spines on back
- Scaleless
- Very narrow caudal peduncle

Rock Bass *Ambloplites rupestris*



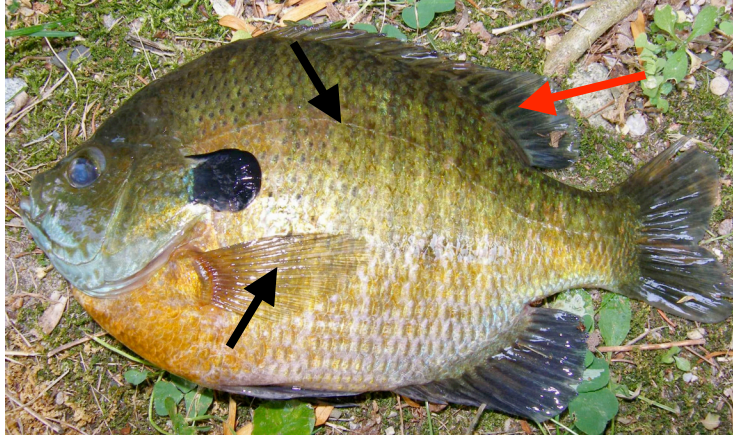
- Gold color with series of black spots in rows
- Large mouth
- Six spines in anal fin (all other sunfishes have 3 spines)

Largemouth Bass *Micropterus salmoides*



- End of mandible extends to posterior of eye
- Dark band along lateral line; very obvious in young

Bluegill *Lepomis macrochirus*



- Dark spot at posterior end of dorsal
 - Pectoral fin extends beyond eye when folded forward
 - Small mouth and long gill rakers
 - Young have obvious vertical bars on side
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Pumpkinseed *Lepomis gibbosus*



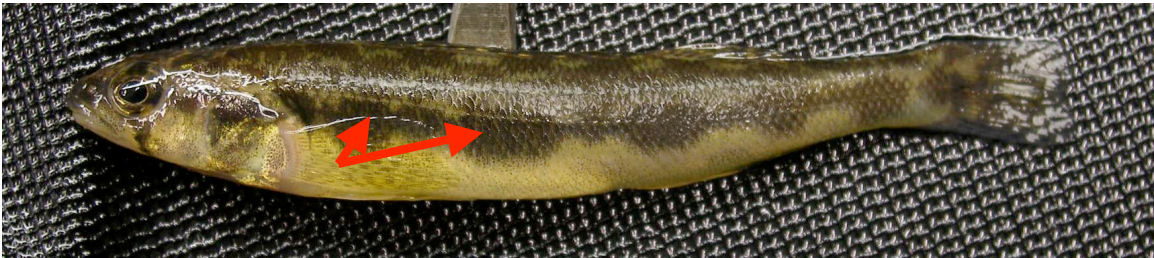
- Red/orange spot on ear flap
- No dark spot on dorsal fin (as in bluegill)

Johnny Darter *Ethoestoma exile*



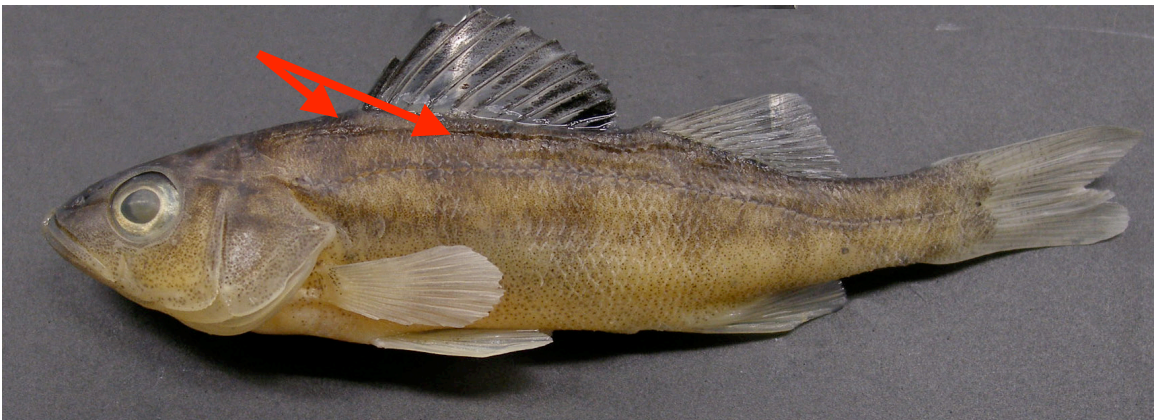
- Series of x's along side
 - Very common
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Blackside Darter *Percina maculata*



- Series of dark blotches along lateral line
 - Very large darter relative the the Johnny darter
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Yellow Perch *Perca flavescens*



- Series of vertical bars along side