



## ILLINOIS STATUS

common       endangered       threatened  
 native       exotic

## ILLINOIS RANGE

Permanent resident: Mississippi, Rock, Illinois, Ohio and Wabash rivers border counties

Summer resident:

Migrant:

Winter resident:

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

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## river shiner

*Notropis blennioides*

Kingdom:            Animalia  
Division/Phylum: Chordata  
Class:                Osteichthyes  
Order:                Cypriniformes  
Family:              Cyprinidae

## FEATURES

The river shiner averages about two to three and one-half inches in length. Its mouth extends to beneath the front of its eye. The yellow back has a dark stripe in the middle and scales outlined in black. The silver sides may have a dark stripe on the back half. The belly is silver-white. A breeding male has small projections (tubercles) on its pectoral fins.

## BEHAVIORS

The river shiner may be found in the Mississippi, Rock, Illinois, Ohio and Wabash rivers in Illinois. It lives over sand and gravel areas in these rivers where the current is not strong. The river shiner schools in midwater in association with other minnows. Spawning occurs from spring through summer. This fish eats insects.

## HABITATS

bottomland forests  
 coniferous forest  
 southern Illinois lowlands  
 upland deciduous forest