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## Longnose Gar *Lepisosteus osseus*

### Characteristics

- scales rhombic in shape, not overlapping, in diagonal rows
- very long and narrow, beak-like snout, more than twice as long as rest of head
- width of snout at nostrils less than eye diameter
- 1 row of teeth on upper jaw
- 60-63 lateral line scales

### Ecology and Distribution

- inhabits sluggish pools, backwaters, and oxbows along large, moderately clear streams