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Gizzard Shad

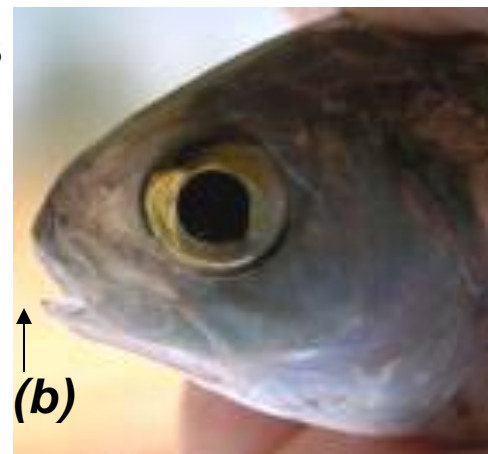
Dorosoma cepedianum

Characteristics

- long, whiplike last dorsal ray (a)
- blunt snout, distinctly subterminal mouth (b); deep notch at center of upper jaw
- no scales on nape
- dorsal fin midway on body
- purple-blue spot near upper edge of gill cover in young adults, faint or absent in adults

Ecology and Distribution

- occurs in deep, open water of medium to large rivers & lakes
- also ascends creeks & small rivers with well-developed pools
- stocked in Sugar Lake; not confirmed in unstocked areas



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