



Spotfin Shiner

Cyprinella spiloptera
(*Notropis spilopterus*)

Characteristics

- black blotch on rear half of dorsal fin
- deep body compared to *Notropis* spp.
- dusky olive above w/ dark stripe on back
- silvery sides; breeding male blue sides w/ white fins
- dorsal fin w/ fewer than 11 soft rays; anal rays 8; dorsal fin origin at pelvic origin



Ecology and Distribution

- small to moderately large streams of FCW
- wide range of preference from rapid to slow moving streams
- tolerant of high turbidity & silty conditions