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## Characteristics

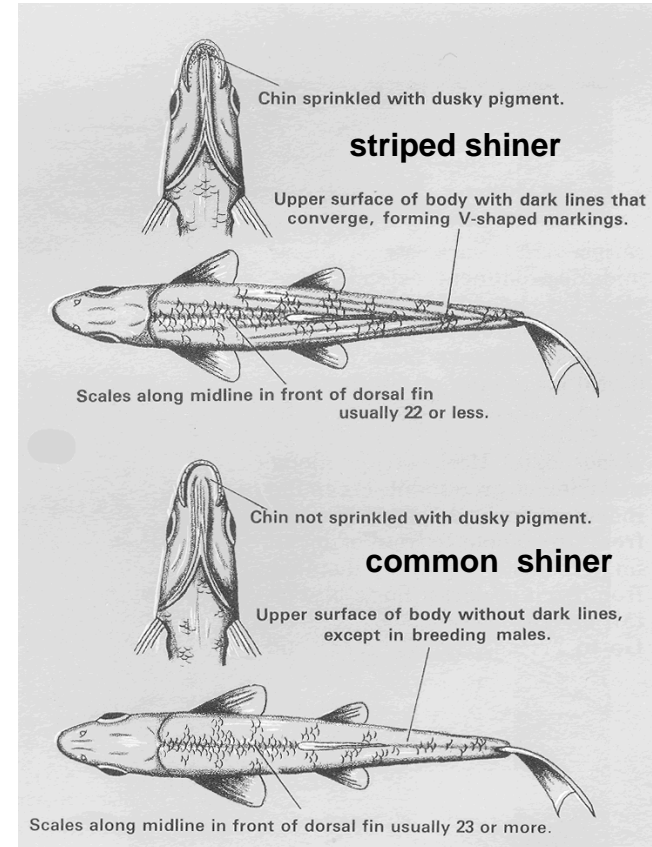
- body proportionately deeper per length than *Notropis* species
- distinguishing striped from common shiners is difficult, especially where they hybridize; the following 3 characteristics are useful:
  - 1) viewed dorsally, dark stripes on upper sides converge behind dorsal fin in striped shiners, **but remain parallel in common shiner.**
  - 2) viewed dorsally, pre-dorsal fin scales along mid-line in striped shiner in regular rows and typically < 22; **vs. common w /  $\geq$  23 arranged in many irregular rows**
  - 3) **common shiners w/o dusky pigment on chin**

## Ecology and Distribution

- very common throughout FCW
- tolerant of degraded conditions; but also found in clean streams (e.g., w/ trout)

# Common Shiner

## *Luxilus cornutus*



Modified from W.L. Flieger (1975) Fishes of Missouri