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Mimic Shiner

Notropis volucellus



Characteristics

- anal rays usually 8; broad rounded snout; scales deeper than wide along side*
- dusky lateral black stripe best developed on posterior half w/ slight peduncle expansion
- mid-dorsal stripe poorly defined & not expanded to pre-dorsal fin wedge* (as in sand shiner)
- dorsal fin insertion is not anterior to insertion of pelvic fins

Ecology and Distribution

- common in streams of the FCW
- usually found in clean gravel streams & the quieter parts of streams, often around vegetation & in association with sand shiner