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# **Emerald Shiner**

## ***Notropis atherinoides***

### **Characteristics**

- slender compressed body; large, terminal mouth; narrow dusky stripe on back
- light olive above; dusky, silver stripe w/ emerald reflections along side
- dorsal fin origin slightly behind pelvic fin origin
- short snout compared to rosyface shiner
- silver shiner has 2 dark crescents between nostrils
- anal rays 10 or more; 8 pelvic rays

### **Ecology and Distribution**

- lakes; also in some streams of FCW
- a mid-water or near-surface species, lives in large or moderate-sized streams
- in lakes, often make vertical migrations in spring, approaching the surface at night and retreating to deeper water during the day

