



Southern Redbelly Dace

Phoxinus erythrogaster

Characteristics

- **2 black stripes along sides** upper is thin, broken into spots at rear; lower is wide, thinning near caudal peduncle
- **black spots on upper side** arranged in a row (sometimes absent)
- **first dorsal ray a thin splint but closely attached to second ray**
- **breeding males vividly colored**



Ecology and Distribution

- **rocky, spring-fed headwater pools in mountainous streams**
- **rarely encountered mainly in eastern headwaters of FCW**