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# Fathead Minnow

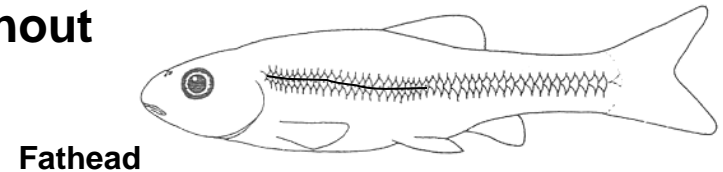
## *Pimephales promelas*

### Characteristics

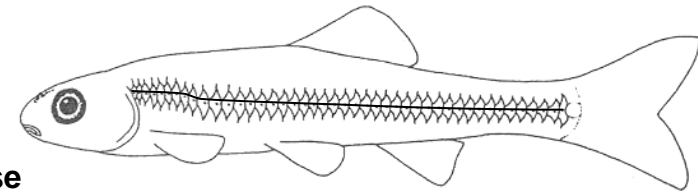
- dorsal fin with a dark blotch on anterior edge (A), above the base of the fin
- first ray of dorsal fin thickened & separated from second ray with a membrane
- faint caudal spot; dark crescent on side of snout
- standard length < 4.0 times depth
- lateral line incomplete

### Ecology and Distribution

- common in streams & lakes of FCW
- prefers slow moving streams, but tolerant of a variety habitats & water qualities



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