



Longnose Dace

Rhinichthys cataractae

Characteristics

<http://www.cnr.vt.edu/efish/families/longnosedace.html>

- elongate, streamlined body w/ forked tail fin
- long snout projects beyond inferior mouth
- lateral band often faint or missing in adults
- breeding male with bright red on head & fin bases

Ecology and Distribution

- common & abundant in FCW
- prefers fast current & riffles; rarely found in slow water
- becoming rare in many parts of its range due to loss of habitat & deteriorating water quality

