

# Creek Chub

*Semotilus atromaculatus*



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

## Characteristics

- dorsal fin w/ fewer than 11 soft rays
- first dorsal ray is a thin splint, attached to second ray w/ membrane
- black spot on anterior base of dorsal fin
- breeding males colored pink, orange, red, green & blue w/ tubercles on head



## Ecology and Distribution

- perhaps the most abundant & widely distributed fish in streams of the FCW
- wide range of habitats, from degraded rivers to clean headwater streams