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# Quillback

*Carpoides cyprinus*

## Characteristics

- deep body; depth ~ 3 x standard length; long snout (compared to buffalo)
- long, sickle-shaped dorsal fin; anterior lobe ~ 5X length of shortest dorsal rays
- paired fins white to orange paired fins
- silver sides w/ blue-green reflections
- mouth small (maxillary ~ eye diameter)



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## Ecology and Distribution

- pools, backwaters, & main channels of rivers; also lakes
- reported in Conneaut & Le Boeuf lakes by PA Fish & Boat Commission;