



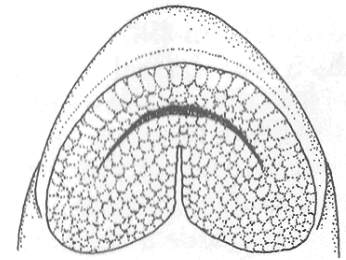
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# White Sucker

*Catostomus commersoni*

## Characteristics

- nearly cylindrical body w/ large, horizontal mouth & thick, papillose lips
- olive-brown to black above; dusky scales; clear to dusky fins
- juveniles often with dark blotches on side;
- scales small (55+ lateral line scales) compared to large scales on *Moxostoma* spp.
- breeding males gold above w/ scarlet strip along side



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## Ecology and Distribution

- ubiquitous in FCE from main stem to small headwater stream
- tolerant of wide range of conditions from cold headwaters to warm lakes & rivers



<http://www.outdooralabama.com/fishing/images/SuckerWhite400A.jpg>