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# Northern Hogsucker

## *Hypentilium nigricans*

### Characteristics

- large, rectangular head; broadly flattened to concave between eyes
- body widest in front, abruptly tapering behind dorsal fin
- dark olive to brown in color w/ 3-6 brown saddles extending obliquely forward on upper sides; pale yellow to white below; light orange fins
- Long blunt snout w/ fleshy lips on horizontal mouth; large fan-like pectoral fins

### Ecology and Distribution

- ubiquitous in FCE; riffles, runs & pools of creeks & small rivers
- not as tolerant of siltation & other non-point source pollution as white sucker



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