

Northern Madtom

Noturus stigmosus



http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/catfish/ictaluridae/N_stigmosus.jpg

Characteristics

- robust w/ relatively deep caudal peduncle; brown crescent on caudal fin extends forward across upper & lower caudal rays to caudal peduncle; 2nd band near clear edge
- broad dark band near outer edge of dorsal fins (not in mountain madtom)
- dark band on adipose extends into upper half, but not to dorsal edge of fin (vs. brindled)
- front edge of 1st saddle irregular, enclosing two light spots in front of dorsal fin (top view)
- pectoral spine w/ 5-10 teeth on hind edge; weakly toothed on front (vs. mountain madtom)
- often w/ dark specks on belly (not in mountain madtom)

Ecology and Distribution

- sandy-rocky riffles in swift current of medium to large rivers
- disappearing from many locations near edges of range



Conservation – remnant FCW populations in Mercer

& Erie Counties important for conservation; sensitive to siltation