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## **Banded Killifish** *Fundulus diaphanus*

### **Characteristics**

- long, slender body w/ flattened head and back; upturned mouth; large eyes
- 1 dorsal fin located far back on body; spineless fins; pelvic fins abdominal
- 10-20 green-brown bars along silvery side; more bars in males than females
- color variable from dark olive to tan above; white to yellow below
- breeding male has wide green bars, yellow throat and fins

### **Ecology and Distribution**

- shallow, quiet margins of lakes, ponds & sluggish streams
- typically over mud or sandy substrates near or in vegetation

