

Brook Stickleback (*Culaea inconstans*)



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Characteristics

- small, scale less fish w/ 4-6 isolated dorsal spines in front of dorsal fin
- extremely narrow caudal peduncle; extremely small pelvic fin
- Olive above with pale green flecks; dark green mottling; sometimes pale stripe
- breeding male is dark green to black, sometimes w/ red pelvic fins

Ecology and Distribution

- wetlands, pond & lake margins; headwaters & backwaters of creeks & small rivers
- common in beaver dam habitats in FCW



http://www.nps.gov/archive/isro/NR_Profile_Internal/NR_stills/fish_image/index1.htm