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Rock Bass

Ambloplites rupestris

Characteristics

- heavy bodied sunfish w/ large mouth, upper jaw extending past middle of eye
- adult w/ rows of brown-black spots on side; largest & darkest below lateral line (young w/ brown marbling on gray side)
- about 5 wide dark saddles over back and down to midside
- spinous & soft parts of dorsal fin broadly connected w/o a notch between

Ecology and Distribution

- vegetated & brushy stream margins and pools of creeks & small-medium rivers; rocky & vegetated margins of lakes
- most common in clear, silt-free rocky streams; common in FCW