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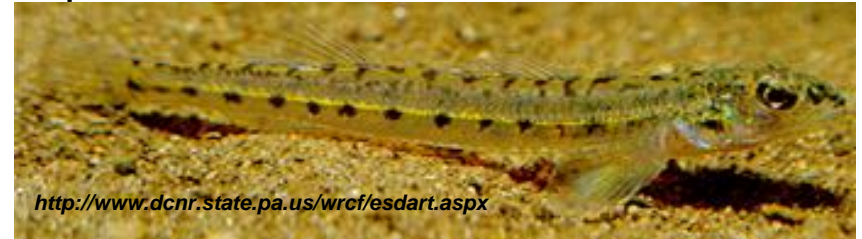
Eastern Sand Darter

Ammocrypta pellucida

(*Etheostoma pellucidum*)

Characteristics

- slender, transparent body w/ eyes near top of head;
- no bands on dorsal fins
- 12-17 dark green blotches along back; 10-19 horizontal green blotches on side
- only 1 anal spine (except Johnny darters, others in FCW have 2 anal spines)
- ventral half of body almost scale less, except 1-3 rows beneath lateral line scales
- black pigment on pelvic fin of male



<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/wrcf/esdart.aspx>

Ecology and Distribution

- bury in sand w/ only eyes & snout above substrate;
- sandy runs of small-medium rivers; usually in water 2+ ft deep

Conservation – intolerant of siltation; recent declines in abundance from agricultural runoff; remnant populations FCW critical for conservation efforts