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## Banded Darter *Etheostoma zonale*

### Characteristics

- moderately slender darter w/ 9-13 dark green bars on side, extend onto belly & under caudal peduncle to join those on opposite side
- 6 dark saddles; 2 large yellow spots on caudal base
- narrow teardrop, often broken into 2 black spots
- 1<sup>st</sup> dorsal fin w/ green edge & red base (males especially brightly colored)
- no groove separating tip of upper jaw from snout
- snout blunt & rounded; mouth horizontal

### Ecology and Distribution

- found in rocky riffles of creeks & small to medium rivers



[http://www.dlia.org/atbi/species/animals/vertebrates/fish/Percidae/E\\_zonale.shtml](http://www.dlia.org/atbi/species/animals/vertebrates/fish/Percidae/E_zonale.shtml)