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Rainbow Darter

Etheostoma caeruleum



Characteristics

- Stout body w/ 6-10 dark saddles, 2-3 prominent
- body deepest under middle of 1st dorsal fin
- dorsal, caudal, and anal fins red w/ blue edge (faint in female)
- unscaled cheek and breast, scaled opercle
- gill covers not broadly connected by membrane across throat
- midline of belly w/o enlarged and modified scales
- large males w/ red pectorals, blue pelvics & orange branchiostegal membranes

Ecology and Distribution

- found in fast gravel and rubble riffles of creeks
small-medium rivers

