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## Bluebreasted Darter

*Etheostoma camurum*

### Characteristics

- male w/ bright red spots not surrounded by black halos on side; red fins, blue breast (male spotted darter has black halos around red spots)
- female w/ brown spots on side, brown fins, white to light blue breast
- olive green to gray above; light green to white below
- black edge on 2<sup>nd</sup> dorsal, caudal, and anal fins
- dusky teardrop present, unscaled nape, moderately blunt snout
- 47-70 lateral scales (spotted darter w/ more scales in lateral series)
- short, rounded and blunt snout (spotted darter w/ more pointed snout)
- belly normally scaled (tippecanoe darter w/ midline of belly partly/entirely scaleless)

### Ecology and Distribution

- found in fast, rocky riffles of small-medium rivers; main stem of French Creek

**Conservation – remnant FCW populations critical for conservation efforts**