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Spotted Darter *Etheostoma maculatum*

Characteristics

- **extremely compressed body; narrow, pointed snout, round caudal fin** (bluebreast darter is less compressed, has blunter snout)
- **gray body; male w/ black halos around red spots on side, blue breast, gray or blue fins** (bluebreast darter lacks black halos around red spots on males)
- **female w/ black spots on fins & black mottling on side**
- **cheeks scaleless, opercles scaled; teardrop thin**
- **tail rounded; white margins** on soft dorsal, caudal & anal fins
- **53-68 lateral line scales** (bluebreast has 47-70 lateral line scales)



Ecology and Distribution

- **highly selective habitat preference- swift riffles w/ large boulders and cobbles**
- **main stem FC in association with bluebreasted darter**

Conservation – remnant FCW populations critical for conservation efforts