



Gilt Darter

Percina evides

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/er/factsheets/fish/Gltdrt.htm>

Characteristics

- midline of belly w/ row of specialized spiny scales - “scutes”; (not in *Etheostoma*)
- 7-9 wide dark green bars along side continuous with dorsal saddles
- black teardrop; two white to light yellow areas on caudal fin base
- yellow to orange belly, breast, & underside of head; orange base of dorsal fin
- colors on breeding males accentuated, especially orange breast & belly



Ecology and Distribution

- rocky riffles in lower main stem of French Creek

Conservation – French Creek & Allegheny River populations critical for conservation efforts; this species has declined across its range