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Blackside Darter *Percina maculata*

Characteristics

- midline of belly w/ row of specialized spiny scales - “scutes”; (not in *Etheostoma*)
- olive above with 6-9 large black ovals blotches on side
- first dorsal fin dusky with black at front
- black teardrop straight (curved in longhead darter); snout shorter than longhead



Ecology and Distribution

- common on pools and runs of small to medium tributaries in FCW
- usually in moderate current over gravel and sand substrates