



Mottled Sculpin *Cottus bairdi*

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Characteristics

- benthic fish with large mouth & expanded thoracic pelvic fins
- 2 dorsal fins; 1st with spines, and 2nd long with rays
- body widest at front, tapering to slender compressed caudal peduncle
- light to dark brown above w/ mottling on back & side
- large black spots at front & rear of dorsal fin
- large males w/ dark band and orange edge on 1st dorsal fin



Ecology and Distribution

- Riffles and rocky areas of headwaters, creeks, & small rivers
- Common throughout FCW