

Fish Species Information

Name: Beautiful shiner
Scientific Name: <i>Cyprinella formosa</i>
Family: Cyprinidae
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Brief Description: Freshwater fish reaching up to 3.5 inches. Body is bluish, but often masked with an overall wash of orange, pink, or yellow. Lateral line is slightly curved.
Status: Threatened, August 31, 1984
Native Area: Historic range was the Mimbres River in New Mexico, southeaster Arizona and Northern Mexico Guzman Basin.
Comments: The Dexter National Fish Hatchery & Technology Center, Dexter, New Mexico, maintains a captive brookstock for reintroduction efforts.