

Fish Species Information

Name: Comanche Springs pupfish
Scientific Name: <i>Cyprindon elegans</i>
Family: Cyprinodontidae
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Brief Description: Freshwater fish reaching up to 2 inches standard length. Males are a speckled color pattern. They have a streamlined body and have a life expectancy of 2 years.
Status: Endangered, March 11, 1967
Native Area: Historically occurred in two isolated spring systems 56 miles apart in the Pecos River Draining in western Texas. These springs include Comanche Springs, with the present city limits of Fort Stockton, Texas and San Solomon Spring in Toyahvale and Balmorhea, Texas. The present habitat of the species consists mostly of a system of earthen and concrete irrigation canals at Balmorhea State Park.
Comments: The Dexter National Fish Hatchery & Technology Center, Dexter, New Mexico, maintains a captive broodstock.