

Fish Species Information

Name: Razorback sucker
Scientific Name: <i>Xyrauchen texanus</i>
Family: Catostomidae
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Brief Description: The razorback sucker has a bony keel on its back. Color ranges from dark brown to olive and yellow to white ventrally. Breeding males are dark colored dorsally and bright yellow to orange on their belly. The species can have a total length of 3 feet and weigh as much as 13 pounds. Their life span is 40+ years.
Status: Endangered, October 23, 1991
Native Area: Historically, razorback sucker were widely distributed in larger rivers of the Colorado River Basin from Wyoming to Mexico. At present the largest population is in the lower basin in Lake Mohave area. In the upper basin, the present range of razorback sucker is much less; the largest concentration is in the upper Green River.
Comments: The Dexter National Fish Hatchery & Technology Center, Dexter, New Mexico, maintains a captive brookstock. Fish are also produced for reintroduction.