



Devils River Minnow Species Information

Scientific Name: *Dionda diabolica*

Family: Cyprinidae

Description: The Devils River minnow is a small species, usually 5-6 cm long, with a clearly visible black strip along its side. The minnow is found in fast flowing, spring-fed water over a gravel substrate or stream bottom.

Status: It was listed as threatened in 1999. Changes in water quality have degraded minnow habitat. There has been a reduction in water quantity and flow due to drought, human use and consumption, and use for agriculture and industry. The minnow's habitat has gone through fragmentation and degradation due to the construction of the Amistad Reservoir.

Native Area: It was once found in tributaries of the Rio Grande in west Texas and northern Mexico. It is now found only in the Devils River and San Felipe and Pinto creeks.

Additional Comments: Biologists and the San Marcos Fish Technology Center are researching the minnow's life history. With this information we can work to increase minnow populations and improve its habitat.



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