



Woundfin Minnow Species Information

Scientific Name: *Plagopterus argentissimus*

Family: Cyprinidae

Description: Is a freshwater fish, the most silvery of all American minnows. Rarely achieves a standard length of more than 3 inches. Appearance is that of a streamline torpedo.

Status: Endangered, October 13, 1970

Native Area: Original range extended from near the Salt & Verde Rivers in Tempe, AZ to the Gila River at Yuma. It can be found in the Virgin River and the lower portion of LaVerkin Creek in Utah, downstream to Lake Meade, Nevada.

Additional Comments: The Dexter National Fish Hatchery & Technology Center in Dexter, New Mexico, maintains a captive broodstock. Fish are also produced for reintroduction.



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