



Leon Springs Pupfish Species Information

Scientific Name: *Cyprinodon bovinas*

Family: Cyprinodontidae

Description: Freshwater fish reaching 1.5 inches may live up to 2 years. Lacks vertical bars and speckled pattern that are seen in other *Cyprinodon*. This pupfish is a robust fish varying in body color from dusky gray to iridescent blue.

Status: Endangered, August 15, 1980

Native Area: The species was thought to only occur at Leon Springs, 8 miles west of Fort Stockton, Texas. Leon Springs ceased to flow in 1958 due to excess groundwater removal. Prior to 1938, the Leon Springs population was extirpated from this local and was thought to be extinct. In 1965, the species was rediscovered from Diamond Y Springs, which is in the Leon Creek drainage, located approximately 9 miles north of Fort Stockton, Texas.

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



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