



Rio Grande Silvery Minnow Species Information

Scientific Name: *Hybognathus amarus*

Family: Cyprinidae

Description: The Rio Grande silvery minnow is a solid small minnow, rarely reaching 4". Color is silver with a light greenish-yellow tint and light cream to white on its belly. Dorsal and pectoral fins are rounded at tips.

Status: Threatened, July 20, 1994

Native Area: Historically found in the Rio Grande River from Espanola, NM to the Gulf of Mexico and in the Pecos River from Santa Rosa, NM downstream to its confluence with the Rio Grande River.

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



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