



# Virgin River Chub Species Information

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**Scientific Name:** *Gila seminude*

**Family:** Cyprinidae

**Description:** Freshwater fish that is a silvery, medium sized minnow averaging 8 inches in length. However, it can reach 18 inches in length where habitats permit extended growth. It is distinguished from other subspecies by the number of rays in the dorsal, anal, and pelvic fin. The back, breast, and part of the belly have small deeply imbedded scales that are difficult to see and may be absent in some.

**Status:** Endangered, August 24, 1989

**Native Area:** Historically found in 134 miles of the Virgin River in extreme northwestern Arizona, southeastern Nevada, and southwestern Utah.

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



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