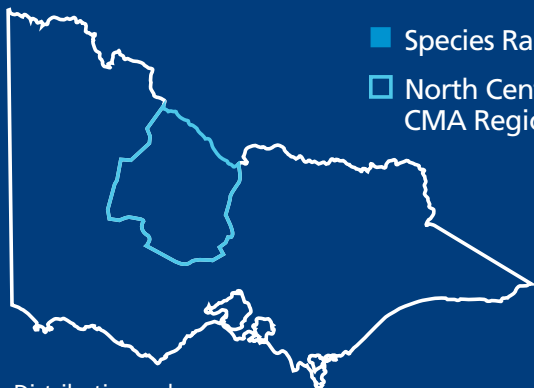


Dwarf Flathead Gudgeon (*Philypnodon macrostromus*)

Tail fin shape



Distribution unknown

- Species Range
- North Central CMA Region



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Family: Eleotridae

Other common names: None known

Description: The Dwarf Flathead Gudgeon is a small fish with a broad head and a large mouth. Colour varies from pale to dark brown with black irregular blotches. Several dark bands radiate from the eyes. It rarely grows over 40 mm (maximum size is 65 mm).

Fins: The dorsal, pectoral, pelvic and anal fins are present. The tail is rounded.

Habitat: Prefers still or gently flowing streams, lakes, reservoirs and brackish estuaries over mud and rocky bottoms, often close to plants or woody debris.

Conservation status & distribution: This species occurs in the Murray-Darling Basin patchily and has only been recorded in few localities. This species is thought to be more common in coastal streams from southern Queensland to Wilson's Promontory in Victoria, and existing populations also occur in South Australia.

Breeding: There is little detail available about the reproductive behaviour of the species, though it is thought to be similar to that of the Flathead Gudgeon.

Eggs: N/A

Diet: The diet consists of larvae, insects and microcrustaceans.

Threats: No known threats. Predation (larval and adult) by alien fishes may be threats. It is believed that interaction with alien species, such as Eastern Gambusia, may be major threats.

Interesting facts and features: This species can easily be confused with small Flathead Gudgeon, however Dwarf Flathead Gudgeon have a mouth which extends to, or just past the eye. In addition Flathead Gudgeon have a black bar at the base of the tail.

Spawning time

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