

# sicklefin chub

## *Macrhybopsis meeki*

Kingdom: Animalia  
Phylum: Chordata  
Class: Actinopterygii  
Order: Cypriniformes  
Family: Leuciscidae

### ILLINOIS STATUS

uncommon, native

### FEATURES

The sicklefin chub has small eyes and a small mouth. Its fins are long and sickle-shaped. The pectoral fin is long enough to reach past the base of the pelvic fin. There is a small barbel in each corner of the mouth. The back and upper sides are yellow-brown. The lower sides and belly are silver-white. The lower lobe of the caudal fin is darker than the upper lobe. Adults range from about two and one-half to four and one-fourth inches in length. Teeth are present in the throat.

### BEHAVIORS

This species lives in the main channel of the Mississippi River where there is a strong current and turbid water. Some external taste buds are present. Its habits are not well known. Spawning probably occurs in spring.

### ILLINOIS RANGE





### **Aquatic Habitats**

rivers and streams

### **Woodland Habitats**

none

### **Prairie and Edge Habitats**

none