**BANDED KILLIFISH**  
*Fundulus diaphanus*

**Description:**
- dark olive to dusky above
- numerous olive-brown vertical bars along silver side (bars more numerous and wider in males)
- long slender body
- top of head is slightly flattened
- nearly squared tail
- breeding males have yellow throat and fins
- 13-15 dorsal rays; 10-12 anal rays

**Size:**
- up to 5 inches

**Range:**
- Atlantic slope from Newfoundland to Peedee River, South Carolina; St. Lawrence-Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins from Quebec to Manitoba, northern Illinois and northeastern Nebraska and south to southern Pennsylvania
Facts:

- swim in schools
- inhabit shallow, still perimeter waters of lakes, ponds and slow moving streams
- prefer sandy to muddy bottoms with vegetation

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