



Banded Sunfish

Enneacanthus ebesus



<https://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/>

Description:

- ◆ Elongated and cylindrical body
- ◆ Olive to brown in color
- ◆ Long undulating dorsal fin
- ◆ Sides can have vertical bars or camouflage pattern
- ◆ Blunt head
- ◆ Have many sharp teeth
- ◆ Juveniles have a black eyespot on the caudal peduncle

Size:

- ◆ Up to 30 inches

Range:

- ◆ Eastern U.S. and as west as the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basin

Facts:

- ◆ Primitive gas bladder allows it to breathe air
- ◆ Spawning occurs in the spring, females can lay up to 5,000 eggs
- ◆ Males will guard the eggs until they are about 4 inches long
- ◆ Prefer lowland rivers, lakes and swamps with slow moving water

BANDED SUNFISH CATCH TOTALS

YEAR	Total
2004	16
2009	6
2014	8
2015	10
2017	1
Grand Total	41

***banded sunfish were only caught during the years shown**