



Silver Perch

Bairdiella chrysoura



Description:

- ◆ silver body, darker above
- ◆ pale yellow fins
- ◆ faint dark stripes along scale rows; darker above lateral line
- ◆ large terminal mouth
- ◆ lack teeth

Size:

- ◆ up to 12 inches; more commonly less than 9 inches

Range:

- ◆ New York to southern Florida and eastern and northern Gulf of Mexico to northern Mexico

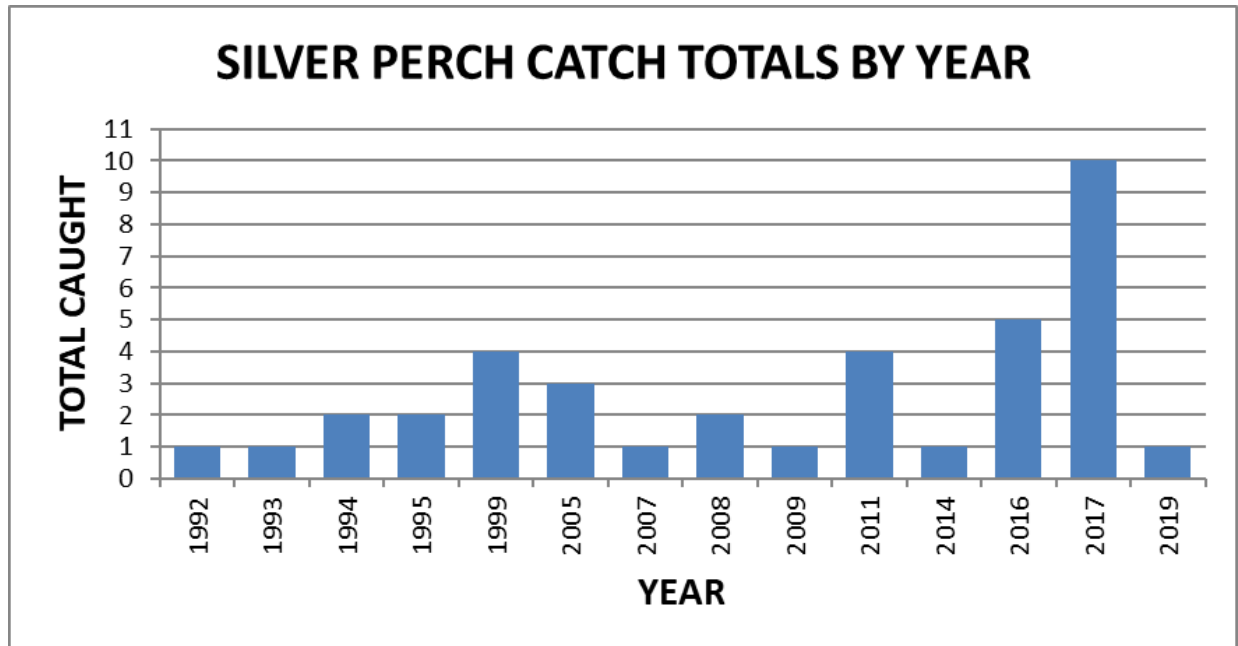
Facts:

- ◆ prefers mud and sandy bottoms in near shore waters and especially bays and estuaries
- ◆ feed on small crustaceans and small fish
- ◆ spawn May to September in shallow saline waters, such as bays and other inshore areas
- ◆ member of the drum family
- ◆ often confused with white perch
- ◆ moves to deeper waters in winter



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*silver perch were only caught during the years shown

For more information about silver perch, please check out this article:

Drum Fish: A Profile

<https://www.njfishandwildlife.com/artdrumfish18.htm>