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Animal Fact Sheet

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Golden shiner

Notemigonus crysoleucas

The golden shiner is a small, slender freshwater fish native to eastern North America. Recognizable by its laterally compressed, golden-silvery body and deeply forked tail, this species is highly ada…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Cyprinidae
Habitat: Freshwater ponds, lakes, and slow-moving streams with abundant vegetation
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 6-8 years
Weight: 5-25 grams
Scientific name: Notemigonus crysoleucas

Did you know?

- Golden shiner eggs can sometimes stick to aquatic plants or even other fish, helping the species spread to new habitats.
- Golden shiners have been observed exhibiting 'social learning,' where they follow the behavior of other individuals to find food or avoid predators. …

What I learned

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