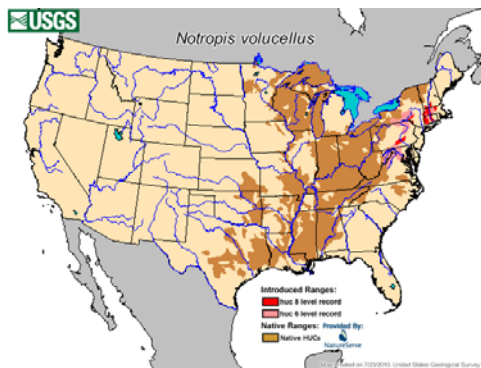


Mimic Shiner

Notropis volucellus

Identification Small silvery minnow usually with 8 thin anal rays. Typically 1.5-2.5 inches, but can reach 3 inches.

Why is it a Problem? An omnivore, mimic shiner will compete with native species for food and habitat.



Range/Habitat Widely distributed in central North America from the St. Lawrence River, Red River and Great Lakes throughout the Mississippi Basin east of Great Plains to the Gulf Coast. Also common in clear, small rivers or large creeks in the Southeast (VA, NC).

Similar Species Closely resembles Bigmouth (*Notropis dorsalis*) and Sand (*Notropis stramineus*) shiners.

Method of Introduction Unknown, but possibly bait bucket releases.

Legal Status

Control and Prevention Do not release unused live bait into Maryland waters.

Want to know more? Check out www.dnr.maryland.gov for more on invasive species in Maryland and what you can do about it.

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