

lake chubsucker *Erimyzon sucetta*

Kingdom: Animalia

Division/Phylum: Chordata

Class: Osteichthyes

Order: Cypriniformes

Family: Catostomidae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

FEATURES

The lake chubsucker grows to 16 inches in length. Its distinguishing features include no dark blotches along the side, a single, rounded dorsal fin and 34-39 lateral scales. As with all suckers, it has thick lips. There are no spines in the fins. The pelvic fins are in the abdominal region, and the anal fin is far back on the body. There is a dark stripe along the mid-side.

BEHAVIORS

The lake chubsucker lives in rivers, lakes, swamps, ponds and sloughs. It is found in Illinois in the southern one-third of the state, in the Illinois River, in east central Illinois and in northeastern Illinois. Spawning occurs from May into June. It eats small invertebrates that it finds on the bottom of the water body.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

lakes, swamps, ponds, sloughs

Woodland Habitats

none

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none

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