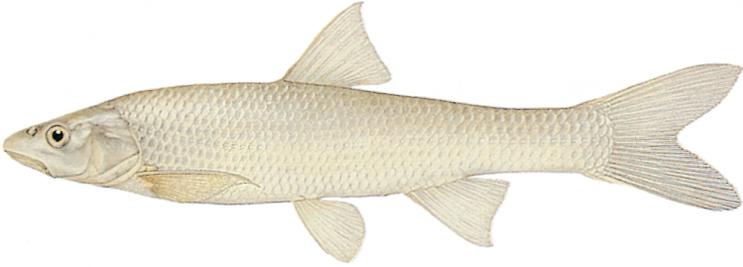


## **Flathead chub**

*Platygobio gracilis*



**Similar Species:** Many other minnows and some suckers

**Identification:** Broad wedge-shaped head with flattened snout, barbels at each corner of mouth.

The flathead chub is the most common chub in western South Dakota rivers that flow into the Missouri River. It is a slender, silvery, active minnow, moving about more or less constantly in search of food. Flathead chubs feed almost exclusively on terrestrial insects that fall into the water but will eat other small invertebrates. Details of spawning habits are not well known. Adults commonly range from 3 1/2 to 7 inches long and may live 3 to 4 years. Two other minnow species that resemble flathead chubs are sicklefin and sturgeon chubs. Both are federally endangered species found in the Missouri River drainage.

