

PERCHES (family Percidae)

Logperch

Percina caprodes



Similar Species: Many other darters, but few reach the size of adult logperches

Identification: Small fish, conical snout, sides marked with numerous crossbars.

The logperch is found in the lower Mississippi River drainage and throughout the Ohio River drainage. In South Dakota, it lives primarily in the Big Sioux River drainage. Habitat preferences range from small creeks to rivers, lakes, and reservoirs. Overall, the species prefers clean riffles over sand and gravel, avoiding silted areas. Logperch overturn small rocks in search for food, which consists of small invertebrates. Adults can reach 6 to 8 inches.

