

# FLATHEAD CHUB

*PLATYGOBIO GRACILIS*

**HABITAT** - Prefers large river systems with turbid, fast-flowing water. Its favorite food is insects. Habitat fragmentation remains the largest threat to the persistence of this fish in Colorado. Common across North America, but struggling in Colorado, the Flathead Chub is a species of greatest conservation need in Colorado. Fountain Creek remains a stronghold for this fish, where the fish is found in larger numbers than anywhere else in Colorado.

**IDENTIFICATION** - This silvery swimmer measures 3.5 to 7 inches in length, with a flat, wedge-shaped head, long pointed fins, and brown or dusty-colored shading on its back.

**FUN FACTS** - Recent conservation efforts include the installation of a fish ladder along Fountain Creek which aids in the seasonal upstream migration of this fish, which has been documented to travel up to 21 miles in Fountain Creek to reach critical spawning habitat.



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