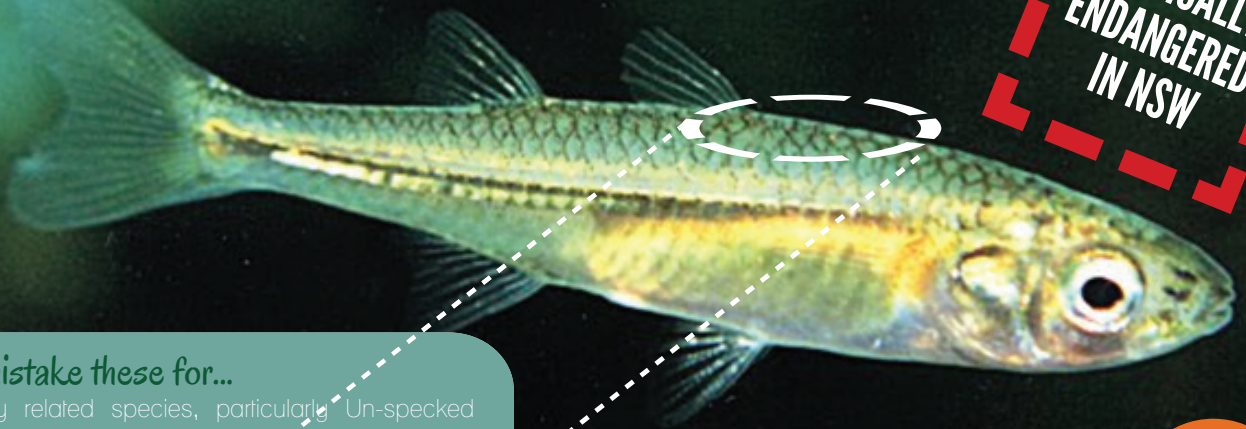


WANTED!

Sightings of these fish

Where's Murray!?



CRITICALLY
ENDANGERED
IN NSW

You may mistake these for...

other closely related species, particularly Un-specked Hardyhead

...but look closely at their scales

circular scales with pigmentation on the edge, irregular arrangement



diamond-shaped scales with pigmentation throughout, arranged in rows



Advice on identification features by Iain Ellis

Grows to
8 cm

MURRAY HARDYHEAD (*Craterocephalus fluviatilis*)

Photo by Michael Hammer

Feared extinct in NSW...

Once widespread and abundant in the Murray, Lower Darling and Murrumbidgee river systems in southern NSW and northern Victoria. Now considered one of Australia's most threatened species.

But you may have seen them...

This small fish (3 - 8 cm) usually schools near or among aquatic plants on the edges of wetlands and slow-flowing lowland streams. Usually located in marginal saline habitats (e.g. isolated wetlands), but you may also encounter them in farm dams, irrigation channels, ponds or even tanks which held water in the recent drought.

COMMON



UN-SPECKED HARDYHEAD
(*Craterocephalus stercusmuscarum fulvus*)

TO REPORT A SIGHTING OR FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN HELP

NSW: Report online - www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/species-protection or Email - fisheries.threatenedspecies@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Vic: Report online - <https://vba.dse.vic.gov.au/vba/> or Email your photo - vba.help@delwp.vic.gov.au

TRY AND SNAP A CLOSE UP PHOTO FOCUSING ON THE SCALES AS THESE ARE CRITICAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

We need your help!

PLEASE DISTRIBUTE THIS THROUGHOUT YOUR NETWORKS