

cisco *Coregonus artedii*

Kingdom: Animalia

Division/Phylum: Chordata

Class: Osteichthyes

Order: Salmoniformes

Family: Salmonidae

ILLINOIS STATUS endangered, native

FEATURES

The upper lip of the cisco reaches to behind the front edge of its eye. This fish has a long, slender body with an adipose fin. The pelvic fins are located about even with the dorsal fin. The back is blue-green. The sides are silver. A cisco adult averages about nine to 12 inches in length and about one pound in weight.

BEHAVIORS

This species travels in schools. Spawning occurs in fall and winter. It is a fish of shallow water that eats tiny crustaceans, plankton, insects and some small fishes. It is not tolerant of warm temperatures.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

Lake Michigan, occasionally the origin of the Illinois River

Woodland Habitats

none

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none

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