Ameca splendens
(Butterfly Splitfin)
Fishes
Exotic

Ameca splendens Miller and Fitzsimons, 1971

Common name: Butterfly Splitfin

Synonyms and Other Names: butterfly goodeid

Taxonomy: available through www.itis.gov


Size: 10 cm.

Native Range: This species is confined to a very small area, the Río Ameca basin, on the Pacific Slope of western Mexico (Miller and Fitzsimons 1971).
Nonindigenous Occurrences: One individual was taken in November 1981 (museum specimen) and another in August 1983 from Rogers Spring, Nevada (Courtenay and Deacon 1983; Deacon and Williams 1984). Others were seen but not collected (Courtenay, personal communication).

Means of Introduction: Probably an aquarium release.

Status: Reported from Nevada. Records are more than 25 years old and the current status is not known to us.

Impact of Introduction: Unknown.

Remarks: This species is raised commercially for the aquarium industry in Florida (Robins et al. 1991b).

Voucher material from Nevada was deposited with Florida Atlantic University, but subsequently lost.

References:

Courtenay, W., Jr. - Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL.


Other Resources:

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