

Topmouth gudgeon, *Pseudorasbora parva*



Size	Rarely above 8cm, usual size 2 to 7.5cm.
Distribution	An Asian species, isolated populations are now present across England and Wales. Established populations now apparent across most of Europe.
Key I.D. features	All fins rounded, dorsal fin origin is directly above the pelvic fins. Uprturned lower jaw with hard edge, no barbels. May be confused with a number of juvenile, native species, although their appearance is quite distinct.
Potential Impacts On Native Fisheries	
Competition	✓ Spawning habitat and food
Habitat destruction	
Disease transmission	✓ Can host non-native parasites
Predation	✓ Can eat fish eggs and larvae
Natural Balance	✓ Can result in recruitment problems in native fish
Fishery performance	✓ Can become a pest species to anglers

If you discover a fish matching this description, please contact Gareth Davies at gareth.d.davies@environment-agency.gov.uk