

Least Darter *Etheostoma microperca*

Habitat Preference: Clear slow moving streams with an abundance of vegetation with a gravel, sand, or silt bottom.

Threats:

- Channelization and removal of natural riparian vegetation.
- Siltation
- Water pollution
 - Agricultural discharge
 - Urban discharge

Habitat Improvement Guidelines

- Cease channelization; maintain natural riparian vegetation.
- Implement proper upland management such as contour farming and other soil erosion control methods.
- Create buffers along water bodies to filter sediment and nutrient runoff.

