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OBJECTIVE(S):

To monitor the status of repatriated Rio Grande silvery minnows (*Hybognathus amarus*) in the Big Bend region of Texas over three years.

Segment Objectives:

Oct - Dec 2008. Obtain from USFWS Rio Grande silvery minnow raised from eggs collected in the wild (preferred) or spawned in captivity.

Jan 2009. Stock fish in selected sites in Big Bend reach of Rio Grande identified as those in Big Bend Ranch State Park (Colorado Canyon, Madera or Grassy Banks or, Contrabando Canyon) and in Big Bend National Park (Mouth of Terlingua Creek, Santa Elena River Access, Hot Springs in BBNP or, the entrance to Boquillas Canyon).

2009-2010. Post Release Monitoring of Rio Grande silvery minnow populations in Big Bend reach of Rio Grande at time of introduction.

2010-2011. Monitoring of Rio Grande silvery minnow populations. Assessment of fish community structure and habitats where Rio Grande silvery minnows are found and a preliminary assessment of the habitat characteristics of areas where the species is not found for use in adaptive management of the restocking efforts.

Significant Deviation: None.

Summary Of Progress: See Attachment A.

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Abstract

The Rio Grande silvery minnow (*Hybognathus amarus*) is one of the most endangered fishes in North America and was first federally listed in 1994. Originally inhabiting the Rio Grande from Española, New Mexico to the mouth of the river near Brownsville, the species is currently found in approximately 5% of its former range in central New Mexico. The Recovery Plan for the species recommended that it be reintroduced into portions of its former range. The first experimental reintroductions of the species was approved and undertaken in December 2008. More than 2,000,000 minnows have been released in the Big Bend region in the past 5 years. The reintroduced fish have shown at least some survival at each of the sites and have been found considerable distances away from the reintroduction sites. Rio Grande silvery minnow eggs have been collected from two of the monitoring sites in 2010 and in August 2010, a 37 mm standard length juvenile Rio Grande silvery minnow was taken at one site, indicating some successful reproduction.

Introduction

The historical distribution of the federally Endangered Rio Grande silvery minnow, *Hybognathus amarus*, included the Rio Grande from Española, New Mexico, through the Big Bend reach to the Gulf of Mexico, and the Pecos River from near Santa Rosa, New Mexico, to the confluence with the Rio Grande. Seven collections made between 1938 and 1960 documented that Rio Grande silvery minnow was among the most common fishes of the Big Bend reach. Despite several sampling events from 1977 to the present, the species has not been found in the area and there are no records of the silvery minnow in the Río Conchos of Mexico in either historic or recent collections (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 1999, 2006).

The reasons for the species' extirpation in the Rio Grande in Texas are uncertain, but are believed to have been due to drought and diversions, in combination with water pollution. However, the continued presence of other native members of the pelagic spawning guild to which the species belongs (e.g., speckled chub and Rio Grande shiner) is evidence that the Big Bend reach may support the reestablishment of Rio Grande silvery minnow. But, a natural repopulation of the Rio Grande silvery minnow to the Big Bend reach of the Rio Grande was not possible without human assistance (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 1999, 2006).

Based on the presence of suitable habitat, the presence of fish species that have similar habitat requirements, the recommendations of the Rio Grande Silvery Minnow Recovery Team's reach-by-reach analysis of the entire Rio Grande basin, and the results of a feasibility study (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 1999, 2006; Edwards 2005), the area in which silvery minnow are most likely to become reestablished after potential reintroduction in the Rio Grande is from Mulato Dam near Presidio, Texas to Foster's Weir near the Terrell/Val Verde County line. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is finalized its NEPA and rulemaking process and Federal Register rule for the reestablishment of the Rio Grande silvery minnow into its historic habitat in the Big Bend reach of the Rio Grande in Texas in December, 2008. This monitoring study was a cooperative endeavor involving the U.S. Fish and Wildlife, the National Park Service, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and U.S. Geologic Survey. The reestablished fish have a 10(j)

status, meaning that it is classified as a nonessential experimental population (NEP) under the federal Endangered Species Act provisions.

Objective

It was the purpose of this study to monitor the stocked Rio Grande silvery minnow populations in the Big Bend region to determine whether the stocking was successful, to determine various life history parameters, such as habitat occupation, time of reproduction, movements and interactions with other species, and to be able to provide timely data on the species' status in its environment to adaptively manage the multiple year restocking efforts in order to maximize the potential for the successful reestablishment of the species. A further objective was to establish baseline of data to be able to compare various of the species life history parameters with those found in the Rio Grande silvery minnow source populations in New Mexico.

The aim of the reestablishment of the Rio Grande silvery minnow into the Big Bend region is to create a self-sustaining population of the species in part of its historic range and to partially fulfill one of the recovery goals of the Recovery Plan which, when other goals are also satisfied, would ultimately lead to the downlisting of the species. The draft revised Recovery Plan defines a self-sustaining population as one that can sustain a minimum of 500,000 unmarked fish, for five consecutive years without augmentation from captive-bred fish (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2006).

Materials and Methods

The initial stocking effort occurred in December 2008 from stocks raised at Dexter, New Mexico (at the Southwestern Native Aquatic Resources & Recovery Center, formerly Dexter National Fish Hatchery and Technology Center) and the Albuquerque BioPark. These were approximately equally divided among four established sites that were identified in the Big Bend region. The stockings sites, chosen, in part, due to their ease of access for the stocking vehicles were at Grassy Banks (Big Bend Ranch State Park), the mouth of Terlingua Creek and the boat ramp at Rio Grande Village (Big Bend National Park) and at Adams Ranch (owned by CEMEX). The dates of stocking are shown in Table 1.

Date	Number Stocked
December 2008	431,000
October 2009	509,000
October 2010	500,000
October 2011	267,000
October 2012	120,000
Total	1,827,000

Table 1. Stocking history of Rio Grande silvery minnows at the four sites in the Big Bend region. Shown for each date is the approximate total number of Rio Grande silvery minnows stocked.

The dates of the monitoring sampling are shown in Table 2.

Monitoring Date
May 11-13, 2009
July 3-5, 2009
October 28-29, 2009
February 10-12, 2010
May 19-21, 2010
August 2-4, 2010
October 19-20, 2010
February 1-3, 2011
June 12-24, 2011
October 23-24, 2011
February 21-23, 2012
May 22-23, 2012
October 25, 2012

Table 2. Dates for monitoring of reintroduced *Hybognathus amarus* in the Big Bend region.

Fishes were monitored by seining in all habitats in the relative proportion in which they occurred using seines that were (usually) 10' and 15' long with 1/8" mesh. Occasionally a 20' or 30' long seine with 1/4" mesh was used. The following physical measurements were recorded: time of each collection, stream temperature, stream width, stream depth, stream flow, substrate characteristics, vegetation density, dissolved oxygen (DO), conductivity or salinity, and pH. For the most part, captured specimens were preserved in 10% formalin and separated and counted by species in the laboratory at the University of Texas-Pan American (Appendix A). Occasionally, some captured fishes were too large to fit into our container and their lengths were estimated and they were returned alive to their site of capture. Most of the Rio Grande silvery minnows were kept alive and processed for parasites, viruses and general health, including breeding condition, by personnel from the Southwestern Native Aquatic Resources & Recovery Center. At various times, egg collections were made by personnel from the New Mexico Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office in Albuquerque, NM. Collections sites were chosen to correspond to or near the sites of stocking. In addition, various other sites in the region were also sampled on a more or less regular basis. Each of these sites along with their GPS coordinates are also found in Appendix A.

In addition, all curated collections of Rio Grande silvery minnows from the Texas Natural History Collections at the University of Texas at Austin were examined. For each lot, all specimens were measured (standard length) except in several large samples where a subset of at least 30 individuals was measured. These lengths are shown in Appendix B.

Results and Discussion

In all, 29 species and 1 hybrid combination were taken during our collections. A total of 113,402 specimens were captured of which, Rio Grande silvery minnows accounted for 297 specimens (Appendix 1). Rio Grande silvery minnow captures were not uniform. In most years,

the greatest numbers of silvery minnows were taken in the months following their stocking with few minnows remaining by the next stocking event (Fig. 1).

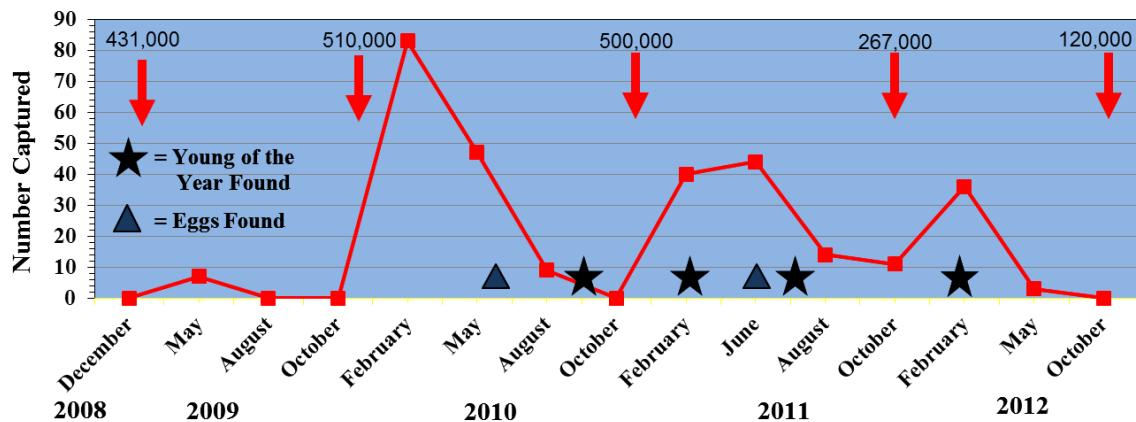


Fig. 1. Captures of *Hybognathus amarus* by date. Also shown are the number of individuals stocked (above red arrows) and when young-of-year or eggs were found.

The number of Rio Grande silvery minnows also varied by collection site with the greatest number being taken at the Terlingua Creek/Santa Elena Canyon mouth site and lesser, but approximately equal numbers being taken at the Boquilla Overlook, Adams Ranch, and Rio Grande Village collection sites (Fig. 2).

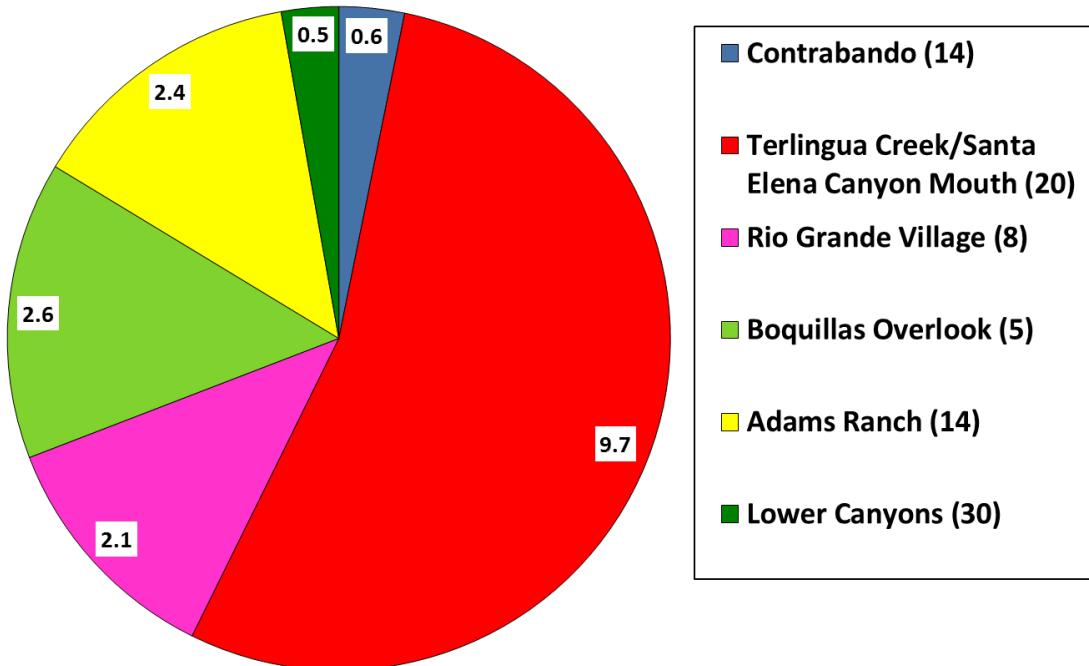


Fig. 2. Distribution of the mean number of *Hybognathus amarus* per collection taken at various collections sites in the Big Bend region. Numbers in parentheses are the number of collections for each site.

The substrates used by *H. amarus* is shown in Figure 3. Most individuals were captured over relatively fine substrates, especially sand and mud. While most sample localities were heterogeneous with respect to substrates types, few *H. amarus* individuals were captured in riffles; most were captured in either backwater environments, along the margins of cut-banks with slow-moving flow or in relatively fine-graveled runs with moderate currents. While some habitats such as the areas strewn with large cobbles to boulders may be inhabited by *H. amarus*, seining was a particularly inefficient capture means in these areas.

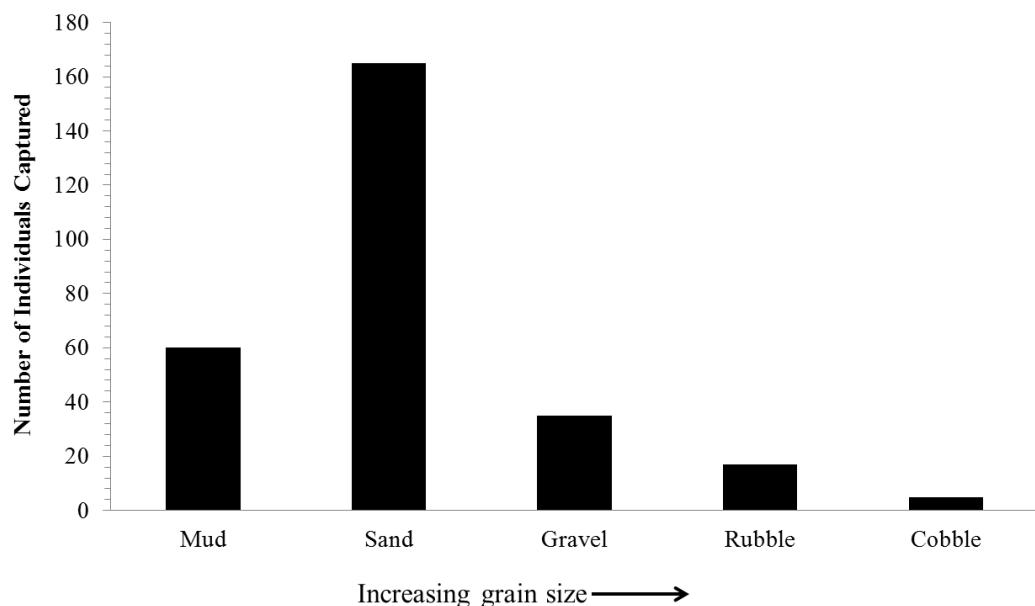


Figure 3. Substrate composition where *Hybognathus amarus* were captured.

The depth distributions of captured *H. amarus* are shown in Fig. 4. These represent the maximum depth of the water column at each site where fish were captured and not necessarily the depth where the fish were swimming.

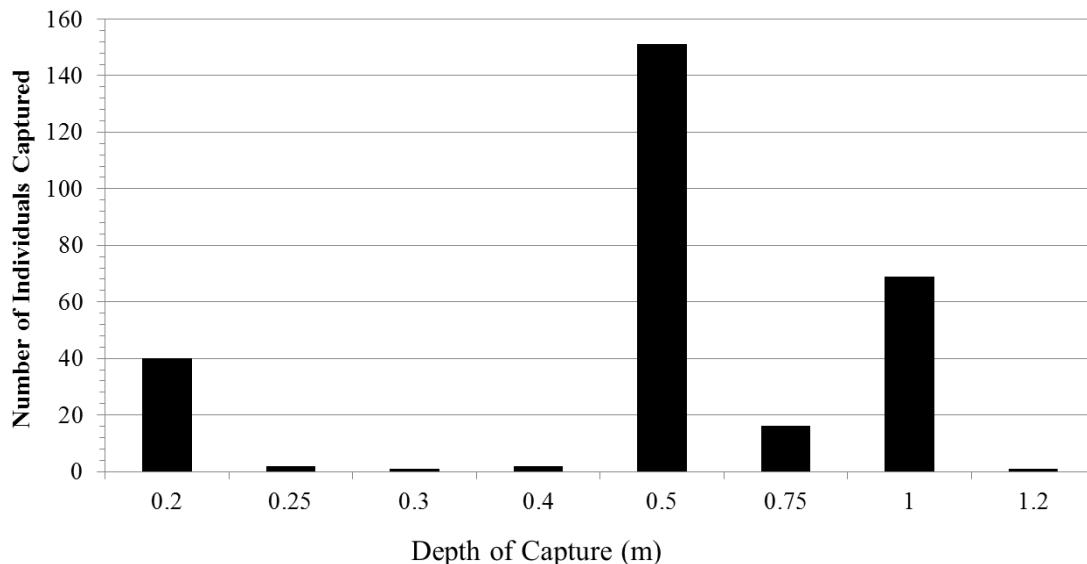


Fig. 4. Depth of water column in samples where *H. amarus* were captured.

The species composition at sites where *H. amarus* were captured were compared with sites that did not yield *H. amarus* (Table 3). While species composition for this comparison were similar for this comparison, *H. amarus* were more often taken in sites that had greater abundances of Tamaulipas shiners (*Notropis braytoni*) and river carpsuckers (*Carpoides carpio*) and a lesser abundance of red shiners (*Cyprinella lutrensis*).

Table 3. Relative abundances of fishes in collections where Rio Grande silvery minnows were found (With %) compared to collections in which Rio Grande silvery minnows were not taken (Without %).

Common name	Species	With %	Without %
longnose gar	<i>Lepisosteus osseus</i>	0.130	0.044
gizzard shad	<i>Dorosoma cepedianum</i>	0.385	0.390
Mexican stoneroller	<i>Campostoma ornatum</i>	0.239	0.452
Rio Grande silvery minnow	<i>Hybognathus amarus</i>	0.635	0.000
speckled chub	<i>Macrhybopsis aestivalis</i>	0.659	0.531
red shiner	<i>Cyprinella lutrensis</i>	63.252	70.761
blacktail shiner	<i>Cyprinella venusta</i>	0.009	0.032
red x blacktail shiner hybrid	<i>C. lutrensis x venusta hybrid</i>	0.004	0.002
longnose dace	<i>Rhinichthys cataractae</i>	0.443	0.137
Chihuahua shiner	<i>Notropis chihuahua</i>	0.639	0.282
Tamaulipas shiner	<i>Notropis braytoni</i>	18.745	14.597
Rio Grande shiner	<i>Notropis jemezanus</i>	0.017	0.005
bullhead minnow	<i>Pimephales vigilax</i>	0.165	0.008
common carp	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	1.407	0.683

river carpsucker	<i>Carpoides carpio</i>	2.932	1.261
blue sucker	<i>Cyclopterus elongatus</i>	0.062	0.009
Mexican tetra	<i>Astyanax mexicanus</i>	1.069	0.905
blue catfish	<i>Ictalurus furcatus</i>	0.081	0.204
channel catfish	<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>	0.716	0.416
flathead catfish	<i>Pylodictis olivaris</i>	0.026	0.047
inland silverside	<i>Menidia beryllina</i>	0.017	0.039
plains killifish	<i>Fundulus kansae</i>	1.022	1.790
western mosquitofish	<i>Gambusia affinis</i>	6.875	6.726
largemouth bass	<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>	0.002	0.006
green sunfish	<i>Lepomis cyanellus</i>	0.015	0.000
bluegill	<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>	0.011	0.015
longear sunfish	<i>Lepomis megalotis</i>	0.436	0.618
freshwater drum	<i>Aplodinotus grunniens</i>	0.004	0.003
blue tilapia	<i>Oreochromis aureus</i>	0.002	0.039
Rio Grande cichlid	<i>Cichlasoma cyanoguttatum</i>	0.000	0.002
	Total Captures	46765	66637

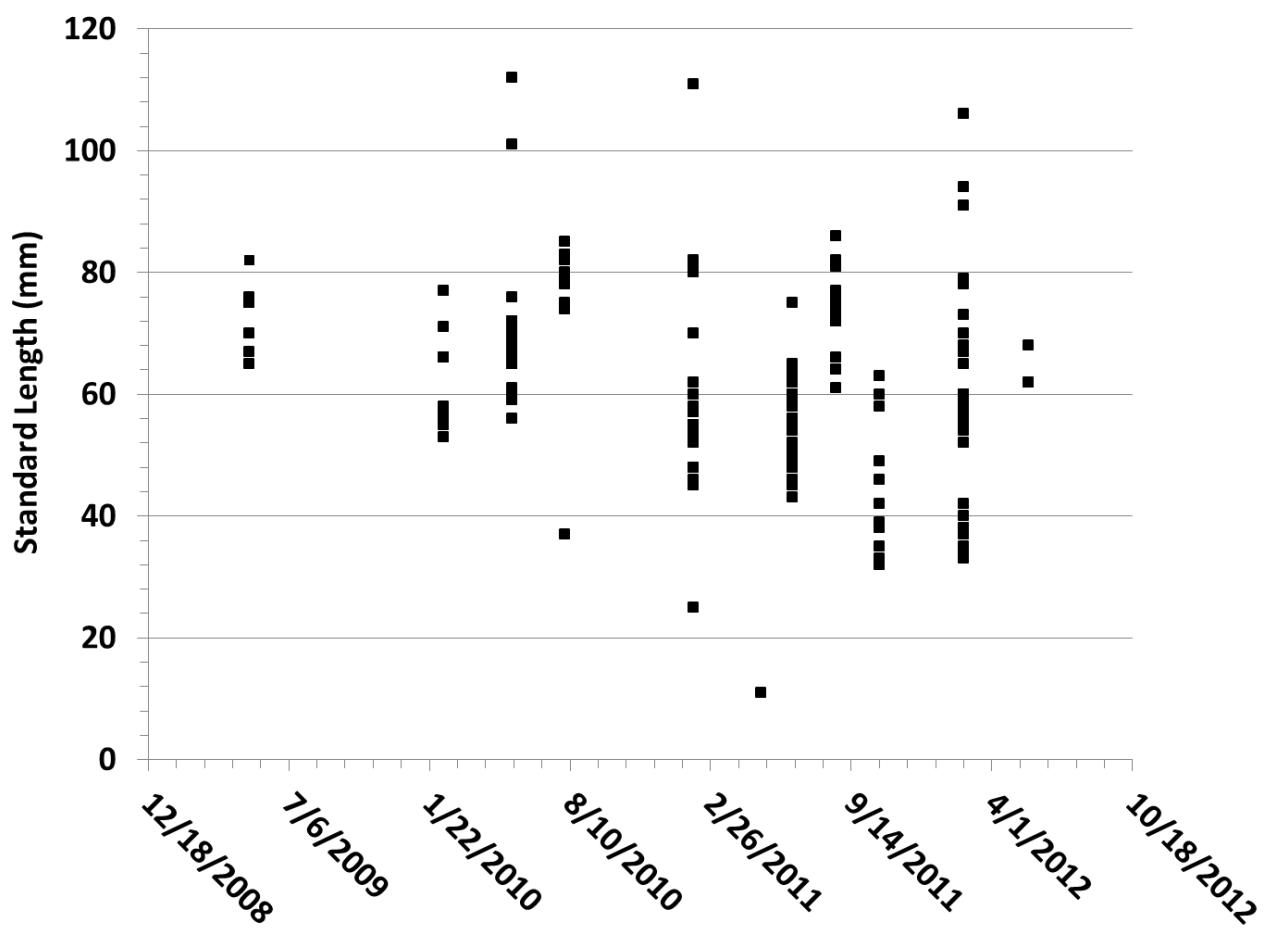
Table 4. Reproductive status of Rio Grande silvery minnows captured in various months. Data was processed by personnel from the Southwestern Native Aquatic Resources & Recovery Center. Shown is the percentage of specimens whose ovaries or testes were in a given reproductive state as listed on the datasheets.

Month of Collection	Not Reproductive	Developing ovaries/testes	Ripe ovaries/testes	Reabsorbing ova/regressing testes	N
February	4.9	78.0	14.6	2.4	39
May	12.5	25.0	56.3	6.3	28
August	18.2	13.6	40.9	27.3	22

The reproductive status of captured fishes was assessed from the data gathered and reported by the Southwestern Native Aquatic Resources & Recovery Center (Table 4). It appears that most specimens were developing their ovaries and testes in February and that most contained ripe ovaries and testes in May and August, suggesting a late spring through summer breeding season. An examination of all historical collections Rio Grande silvery minnows from the Texas Natural History collections indicate that young (less than 20 mm SL) were taken in June near the Hot Springs, in July near Dryden and in August near Boquillas Canyon and at a Ranch in Webb County and in late December in the Lower Rio Grande Valley (Appendix 2).

Young juvenile Rio Grande silvery minnows were taken infrequently. The smallest specimen (10.9 mm SL) was taken at the Adams Ranch site in May 2011 and other juveniles were taken in August 2010 at Adams Ranch, in February 2011 in Terlingua Creek near its mouth, in October 2011 at Adams Ranch, and in February 2012 at confluence of Terlingua Creek with the Rio Grande and at Adams Ranch (Fig. 5). The distribution of sizes of Rio Grande silvery minnows among the collection dates indicate that stocked fish not only survive, but grow as well, as many fish captured were larger than the sizes of *H. amarus* stocked.

Fig. 5. Size distribution of collected *H. amarus*. Each data point represents one or more individuals of a given standard length (in mm).



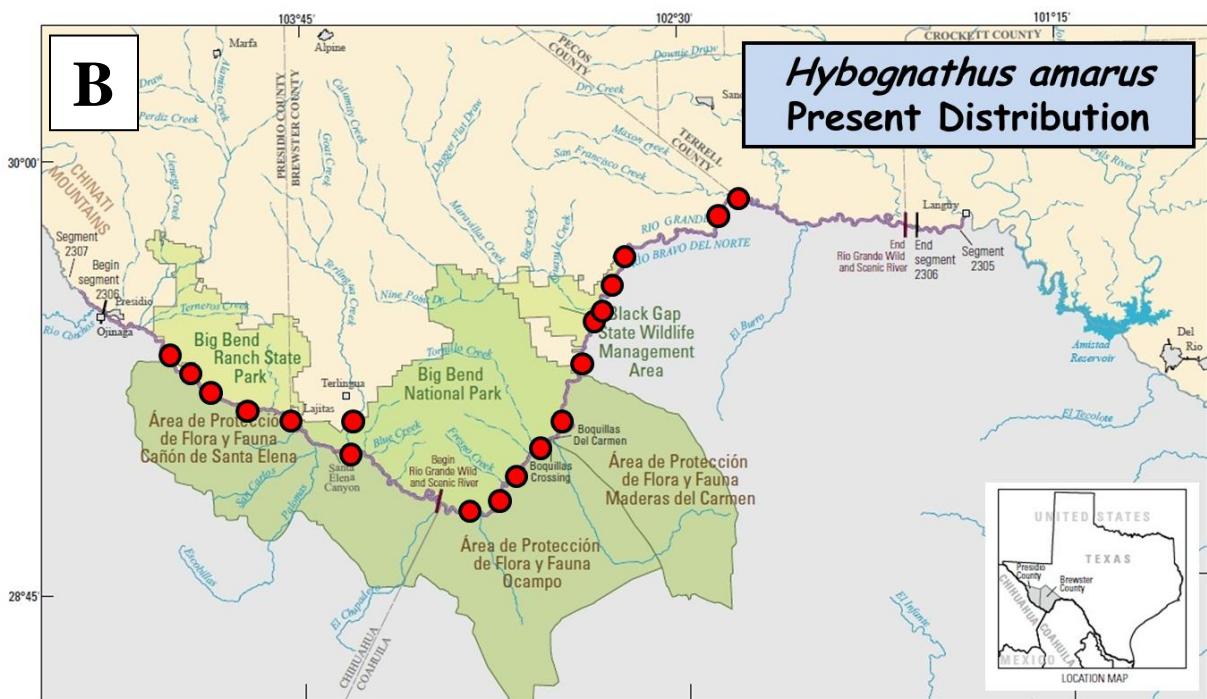
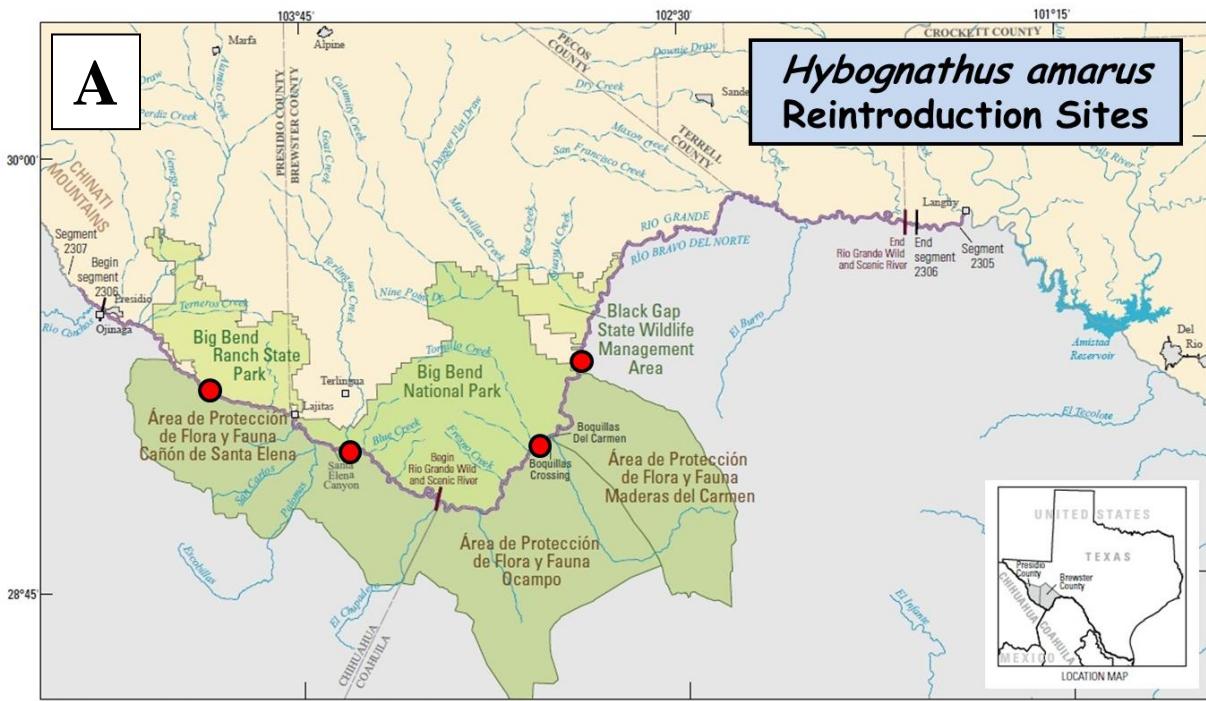


Fig. 6. The map sites where Rio Grande silvery minnows were stocked (A) and the distribution of Rio Grande silvery minnows taken during the June 2011 sampling period (B).

Conclusions and Recommendations

From the sampling beginning in May 2009 through 2012, the present range of the Rio Grande silvery minnow may be inferred from the results of the extensive sampling undertaken in June 2011 which sampled from near Presidio downstream through the Lower Canyon stretch (Fig. 6). Rio Grande silvery minnows were found throughout, suggesting that not only is there significant survival, but also both upstream and downstream dispersion. Reproduction is apparently limited which may be that the proper conditions for optimal reproduction do not occur with regularity and that further stockings should be carried out for a further 5-year period. Monitoring could be more limited to attempt to target sampling to when the juveniles are more likely to be captured.

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Appendix A. Specimens of each species collected for each sample site and date.

		Grassy Banks	Santa Elena/ Terlingua	Rio Grande Village	Adams Ranch	Grassy Banks	Contrabando Movie Set	Adams Ranch	Grassy Banks	Santa Elena/ Terlingua
Common name	Species									
longnose gar	<i>Lepisosteus osseus</i>	12	6	2	6					
gizzard shad	<i>Dorosoma cepedianum</i>	3			17				10	104
Mexican stoneroller	<i>Campostoma ornatum</i>									
Rio Grande silvery minnow	<i>Hybognathus amarus</i>	1	1	1	4					
speckled chub	<i>Macrhybopsis aestivalis</i>	5		51	14	6		8	19	3
red shiner	<i>Cyprinella lutrensis</i>	20	113	638	60	58	4	70	374	1064
blacktail shiner	<i>Cyprinella venusta</i>									
red x blacktail shiner hybrid	<i>C. lutrensis x venusta hybrid</i>									1
longnose dace	<i>Rhinichthys cataractae</i>		14	4	28	10				
Chihuahua shiner	<i>Notropis chihuahua</i>		3							
Tamaulipas shiner	<i>Notropis braytoni</i>		25	98	8			2	10	347
Rio Grande shiner	<i>Notropis jemezanus</i>									
bullhead minnow	<i>Pimephales vigilax</i>									
common carp	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	111	296	6	4					
river carpsucker	<i>Carpoides carpio</i>	149	49	102	16	3		3		74
blue sucker	<i>Cyclopterus elongatus</i>	1	2	4	1					
Mexican tetra	<i>Astyanax mexicanus</i>	2	10	2	4			5		18
blue catfish	<i>Ictalurus furcatus</i>		4	3		35	13	9	14	18
channel catfish	<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>			2			3		11	12
flathead catfish	<i>Pylodictis olivaris</i>						1			
inland silverside	<i>Menidia beryllina</i>				5					2
plain killifish	<i>Fundulus kansasae</i>		16	4						1
western mosquitofish	<i>Gambusia affinis</i>	41	18	51	9	46		1	12	1
largemouth bass	<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>									
green sunfish	<i>Lepomis cyanellus</i>									
bluegill	<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>	1	1							1
longear sunfish	<i>Lepomis megalotis</i>									1
freshwater drum	<i>Aplodinotus grunniens</i>				1					
blue tilapia	<i>Oreochromis aureus</i>									
Rio Grande cichlid	<i>Cichlasoma cyanoguttatum</i>									
Number of Fishes Captured		346	558	968	177	158	21	93	457	1645
N Species		11	14	14	14	6	4	6	10	12
Temperature		28	25.4	28.7	30.3		27.5	30	15.9	20.8
Dissolved Oxygen							6.88	7.7		11.04
Conductivity							1491	1494	1333	1171
pH							7.92	8.06		8.46
Salinity (ppt)		4.60	1.20	1.60	1.20					

		Rio Grande Village	Adams Ranch	Contrabando Movie Set	Santa Elena/ Terlingua	Tornillo Cr. mouth	Rio Grande Village	Adams Ranch	Contrabando Movie Set	Lajitas Boat Ramp
Latitude		29° 10'46.67" N	29° 24'31.43" N	29° 16'44.91" N	29° 09'54.34" N	29° 10' 39" N	29° 10'46.67" N	29° 24'31.43" N	29°16'44.91" N	29°15'55.81" N
Longitude		102°57'38.95" W	102°49'58.07" W	103°50'28.27" W	103°36'38.45" W	102°59'49" W	102°57'38.95" W	102°49'58.07" W	103°50'28.27" W	103°46'56.43" W
Date		10/28/2009	10/29/2009	2/10/2010	2/11/2010	2/11/2010	2/11/2010	2/12/2010	5/19/2010	5/19/2010
Common name	Species									
longnose gar	<i>Lepisosteus osseus</i>									9
gizzard shad	<i>Dorosoma cepedianum</i>					2	3	1		
Mexican stoneroller	<i>Campostoma ornatum</i>									
Rio Grande silvery minnow	<i>Hybognathus amarus</i>			1	80		2			
speckled chub	<i>Macrhybopsis aestivalis</i>	4	17		16		4	9	5	
red shiner	<i>Cyprinella lutrensis</i>	304	231	297	445	416	1560	720	244	159
blacktail shiner	<i>Cyprinella venusta</i>									
red x blacktail shiner hybrid	<i>C. lutrensis x venusta hybrid</i>									
longnose dace	<i>Rhinichthys cataractae</i>		2		2	5	30	26	13	1
Chihuahua shiner	<i>Notropis chihuahua</i>									
Tamaulipas shiner	<i>Notropis braytoni</i>	14	66	9	1045	15	156	187	15	
Rio Grande shiner	<i>Notropis jemezanus</i>						5	2		
bullhead minnow	<i>Pimephales vigilax</i>									
common carp	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>									10
river carpsucker	<i>Carpoides carpio</i>		2				49		2	
blue sucker	<i>Cyclopterus elongatus</i>									
Mexican tetra	<i>Astyanax mexicanus</i>					9	2		1	
blue catfish	<i>Ictalurus furcatus</i>	1	1						1	
channel catfish	<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>	12	12	4	1	2	2	2	1	
flathead catfish	<i>Pylodictis olivaris</i>						1		1	
inland silverside	<i>Menidia beryllina</i>									2
plain killifish	<i>Fundulus kansasae</i>				3	32	1			
western mosquitofish	<i>Gambusia affinis</i>	2	2	11	12	36		4	41	31
largemouth bass	<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>									
green sunfish	<i>Lepomis cyanellus</i>									
bluegill	<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>									
longear sunfish	<i>Lepomis megalotis</i>				1					1
freshwater drum	<i>Aplodinotus grunniens</i>									
blue tilapia	<i>Oreochromis aureus</i>									
Rio Grande cichlid	<i>Cichlasoma cyanoguttatum</i>									
Number of Fishes Captured		337	333	322	1607	518	1813	951	323	213
N Species		6	8	5	10	8	12	8	9	7
Temperature		20.3	18.6	12.1	11.3	21	14.7	12.6	28.9	30
Dissolved Oxygen		11.12	11.03						9.56	10.68
Conductivity		1268	1215	2288	2816	1126	2728	2494	3956	4080
pH		8.32	8.4						8.48	8.47
Salinity (ppt)					1.5			1.3		

		Big Bend Ranch State Park Site 2	Big Bend State Ranch Site 8	Contrabando Movie Set	Lajitas Resort	Terlingua Terlingua	Terlingua Cr. at Terlingua	Terlingua Cr. at Terlingua Abajo	Rio Grande at Santa Elena	Rio Grande at Castolon pullout
Common name	Species									
longnose gar	<i>Lepisosteus osseus</i>				1	6				
gizzard shad	<i>Dorosoma cepedianum</i>									
Mexican stoneroller	<i>Campostoma ornatum</i>					178	9	79		
Rio Grande silvery minnow	<i>Hybognathus amarus</i>				2				13	
speckled chub	<i>Macrhybopsis aestivalis</i>	5	3	4	8				25	1
red shiner	<i>Cyprinella lutrensis</i>	3589	1766	2048	4369	286	1222	223	1101	963
blacktail shiner	<i>Cyprinella venusta</i>									
red x blacktail shiner hybrid	<i>C. lutrensis x venusta hybrid</i>									
longnose dace	<i>Rhinichthys cataractae</i>				1					
Chihuahua shiner	<i>Notropis chihuahua</i>					53	3	81		
Tamaulipas shiner	<i>Notropis braytoni</i>	58	20	83	88	165	239	456	132	211
Rio Grande shiner	<i>Notropis jemezanus</i>								1	
bullhead minnow	<i>Pimephales vigilax</i>									
common carp	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	8	6	3	12				19	4
river carpsucker	<i>Carpoides carpio</i>	10	8	1	10		27	10	5	21
blue sucker	<i>Cyclopterus elongatus</i>								4	
Mexican tetra	<i>Astyanax mexicanus</i>	23	12	6	36	17	3	8	11	1
blue catfish	<i>Ictalurus furcatus</i>									
channel catfish	<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>								1	
flathead catfish	<i>Pylodictis olivaris</i>								5	
inland silverside	<i>Menidia beryllina</i>									
plain killifish	<i>Fundulus kansasae</i>				1	630	267	79	1	
western mosquitofish	<i>Gambusia affinis</i>	65	21	10	225			10	6	44
largemouth bass	<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>									
green sunfish	<i>Lepomis cyanellus</i>									
bluegill	<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>									
longear sunfish	<i>Lepomis megalotis</i>	1							2	
freshwater drum	<i>Aplodinotus grunniens</i>									
blue tilapia	<i>Oreochromis aureus</i>									
Rio Grande cichlid	<i>Cichlasoma cyanoguttatum</i>									
Number of Fishes Captured		3759	1836	2156	4758	1329	1770	946	1326	1245
N Species		8	7	8	11	6	7	8	14	7
Temperature		32.7	31.3	30.5	33.4	29.5	34.7	25.3	27.3	29.74
Dissolved Oxygen		7	7.27	5.78	7.4	5.04				7.44
Conductivity		3164	3108	2926	2937	2613	1699	1308	2388	2478
pH		8.11	8.1	8.13	8.15	7.66		0.8	0.7	8.07
Salinity (ppt)							0.8	0.7	1.2	

	Rio Grande imm.Up from Alamo Creek	Cottonwood Campground	West River Road Gaging Station	West River Road Woodsons	Rio Grande at Smoky Creek	West River Road Gravel Pit	Solis	La Clocha	Talley
Latitude	29° 9' 28.8"	29° 8' 13.2"	29° 2' 2.40"	29° 0' 18.0"	29° 9' 28.8"	29.151167°	29.043933°	29.147983°	28.983150°
Longitude	103° 33' 10.80"	103° 31' 30"	103° 23' 16.8"	103° 17' 42"	103° 33' 10.8"	-103.002033°	-103.105367°	-103.008083°	-103.185167°
Date	6/21/2011	6/21/2011	6/22/2011	6/22/2011	6/22/2011	6/23/2011	6/22/2011	6/23/2011	6/22/2011
Common name	Species								
longnose gar	<i>Lepisosteus osseus</i>						2		
gizzard shad	<i>Dorosoma cepedianum</i>	2					16		5
Mexican stoneroller	<i>Campostoma ornatum</i>								
Rio Grande silvery minnow	<i>Hybognathus amarus</i>				3			3	1
speckled chub	<i>Macrhybopsis aestivalis</i>		3	1	2		1		26
red shiner	<i>Cyprinella lutrensis</i>	1128	1882	1195	893	733	1823	993	1719
blacktail shiner	<i>Cyprinella venusta</i>								1565
red x blacktail shiner hybrid	<i>C. lutrensis x venusta hybrid</i>								
longnose dace	<i>Rhinichthys cataractae</i>								
Chihuahua shiner	<i>Notropis chihuahua</i>								
Tamaulipas shiner	<i>Notropis braytoni</i>	75	71	88	180	35	74	65	323
Rio Grande shiner	<i>Notropis jemezanus</i>								230
bullhead minnow	<i>Pimephales vigilax</i>								
common carp	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	22	8	3	12	6	5	1	9
river carpsucker	<i>Carpoides carpio</i>	48	98	26	56	41	18	3	62
blue sucker	<i>Cyclopterus elongatus</i>							1	1
Mexican tetra	<i>Astyanax mexicanus</i>	7	5	2	4	8	3	9	1
blue catfish	<i>Ictalurus furcatus</i>						1		2
channel catfish	<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>				4	1		1	26
flathead catfish	<i>Pylodictis olivaris</i>								1
inland silverside	<i>Menidia beryllina</i>						2	1	4
plain killifish	<i>Fundulus kansae</i>	1	2		2				2
western mosquitofish	<i>Gambusia affinis</i>	30	25	95	108	115	95	145	315
largemouth bass	<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>								197
green sunfish	<i>Lepomis cyanellus</i>								
bluegill	<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>								1
longear sunfish	<i>Lepomis megalotis</i>		1	5	3	7	20	6	22
freshwater drum	<i>Aplodinotus grunniens</i>							1	14
blue tilapia	<i>Oreochromis aureus</i>								
Rio Grande cichlid	<i>Cichlasoma cyanoguttatum</i>								
Number of Fishes Captured		1313	2095	1415	1267	946	2058	1229	2489
N Species		8	9	8	11	8	11	11	13
Temperature		30.66	33.36	30.73	29.67	26.87	27.2	22	26.3
Dissolved Oxygen		8.09	7.86	6.88	2.87	6.14			19.3
Conductivity		2485	8.1	2472	1100	2575	2166	403.65	2220
pH		8.06	2520	4.6	6.02	5.34			390.6
Salinity (ppt)							1.1	0.2	0.2

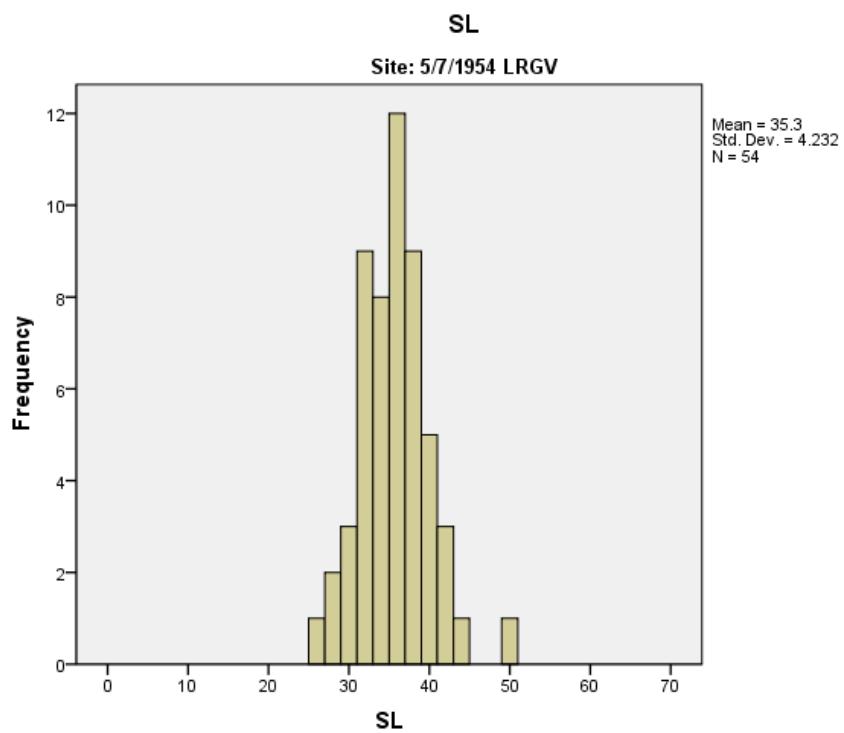
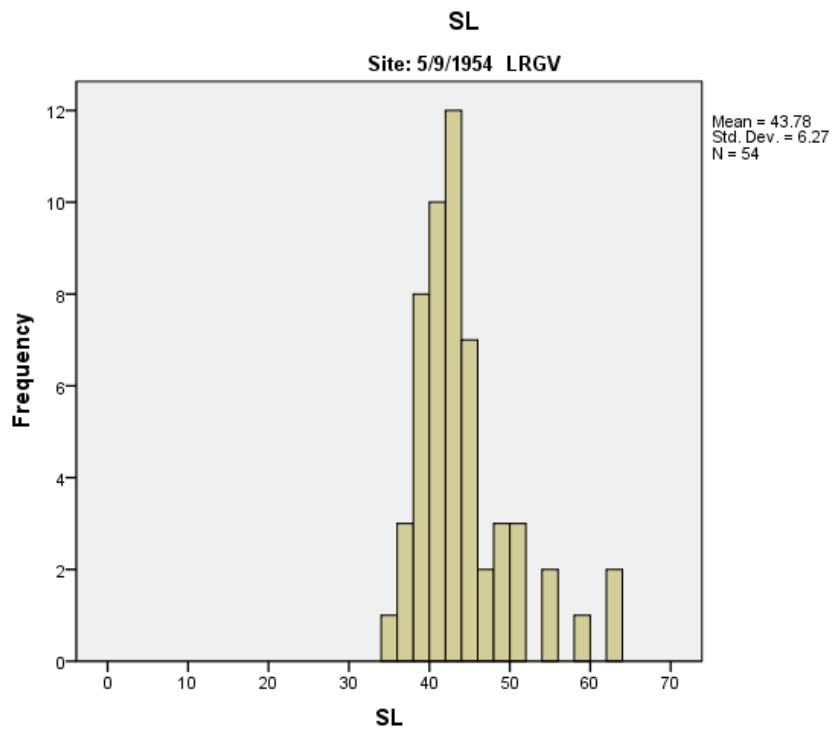
	Rio Grande at Tornillo Cr. mouth	Rio Grande Village Boatramp	Beaver Pond	Boquillas Overlook	Lower Canyon - WJR11-988 Site	Lower Canyon - WJR11-990 Site	Lower Canyon - WJR11-991 Site	Lower Canyon - WJR11-992 Site
Common name	Species							
longnose gar	<i>Lepisosteus osseus</i>		1		1	1	1	
gizzard shad	<i>Dorosoma cepedianum</i>	12	2		25	39	4	1
Mexican stoneroller	<i>Campostoma ornatum</i>							
Rio Grande silvery minnow	<i>Hybognathus amarus</i>				5	1	6	
speckled chub	<i>Macrhybopsis aestivalis</i>	1	2		6		2	2
red shiner	<i>Cyprinella lutrensis</i>	700	2489	52	259	11	13	23
blacktail shiner	<i>Cyprinella venusta</i>							
red x blacktail shiner hybrid	<i>C. lutrensis x venusta hybrid</i>							5
longnose dace	<i>Rhinichthys cataractae</i>					1		
Chihuahua shiner	<i>Notropis chihuahua</i>							
Tamaulipas shiner	<i>Notropis braytoni</i>	170	138		167	214	448	208
Rio Grande shiner	<i>Notropis jemezanus</i>						80	187
bullhead minnow	<i>Pimephales vigilax</i>							
common carp	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	2	18		37	48	51	48
river carpsucker	<i>Carpoides carpio</i>	36	33		37	53	44	14
blue sucker	<i>Cycloleptus elongatus</i>		1		1			1
Mexican tetra	<i>Astyanax mexicanus</i>	16	8	2	24	6	4	16
blue catfish	<i>Ictalurus furcatus</i>				1			1
channel catfish	<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>		3		1	1		2
flathead catfish	<i>Pylodictis olivaris</i>							1
inland silverside	<i>Menidia beryllina</i>							
plain killifish	<i>Fundulus kansasae</i>	3	1		2			
western mosquitofish	<i>Gambusia affinis</i>	130	337	16	776	99	27	83
largemouth bass	<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>					1	1	
green sunfish	<i>Lepomis cyanellus</i>							
bluegill	<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>			9				
longear sunfish	<i>Lepomis megalotis</i>		99		62	12	13	27
freshwater drum	<i>Aplodinotus grunniens</i>							17
blue tilapia	<i>Oreochromis aureus</i>			25				6
Rio Grande cichlid	<i>Cichlasoma cyanoguttatum</i>							
Number of Fishes Captured	1070	3132	104	1403	485	615	412	278
N Species	9	13	5	14	11	13	11	9
Temperature	29	29.8	30	27.5	29.53	31.27	31.93	28.34
Dissolved Oxygen					6.42	7.38	7.55	6.1
Conductivity	2195	1722	1317	1965	1513	1521	1527	1522
pH					8.03	8.11	8.16	7.97
Salinity (ppt)	1.1	0.9	0.7	1				8.01

		Terlingua Cr. at Terlingua Abajo	Boquillas Overlook	Adams Ranch	Contrabando Movie Set	Rio Grande at Santa Elena	Terlingua Cr. near mouth	Boquillas Overlook	Adams Ranch	Contrabando Movie Set
Common name	Species									
longnose gar	<i>Lepisosteus osseus</i>				1				3	
gizzard shad	<i>Dorosoma cepedianum</i>						2			
Mexican stoneroller	<i>Campostoma ornatum</i>	1								
Rio Grande silvery minnow	<i>Hybognathus amarus</i>	8	6				3		8	7
speckled chub	<i>Macrhybopsis aestivalis</i>		1		1	13				2
red shiner	<i>Cyprinella lutrensis</i>	118	126	295	666	736	1191	1184	946	1780
blacktail shiner	<i>Cyprinella venusta</i>									
red x blacktail shiner hybrid	<i>C. lutrensis x venusta hybrid</i>									
longnose dace	<i>Rhinichthys cataractae</i>					3				
Chihuahua shiner	<i>Notropis chihuahua</i>	34								
Tamaulipas shiner	<i>Notropis braytoni</i>	100	33	13	18	105	74	195	35	193
Rio Grande shiner	<i>Notropis jemezanus</i>									
bullhead minnow	<i>Pimephales vigilax</i>									
common carp	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	2								
river carpsucker	<i>Carpoides carpio</i>	22	20	1			92	32		
blue sucker	<i>Cyclopterus elongatus</i>									
Mexican tetra	<i>Astyanax mexicanus</i>	1	15	2	1		9	16	11	
blue catfish	<i>Ictalurus furcatus</i>						1			1
channel catfish	<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>	9	1		2		9	1	1	
flathead catfish	<i>Pylodictis olivaris</i>									
inland silverside	<i>Menidia beryllina</i>									
plain killifish	<i>Fundulus kansasae</i>	45				2	2			
western mosquitofish	<i>Gambusia affinis</i>		41	182	3	131	22	118	77	2
largemouth bass	<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>									
green sunfish	<i>Lepomis cyanellus</i>						1			
bluegill	<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>									1
longear sunfish	<i>Lepomis megalotis</i>		19	10			4	4	9	1
freshwater drum	<i>Aplodinotus grunniens</i>									
blue tilapia	<i>Oreochromis aureus</i>						1			
Rio Grande cichlid	<i>Cichlasoma cyanoguttatum</i>									
Number of Fishes Captured		340	262	504	691	990	1411	1550	1090	1987
N Species		10	9	7	6	6	13	7	8	8
Temperature		33.9	29.5	31.5				28.6	22	13.2
Dissolved Oxygen		7.64	6	8.19						9.63
Conductivity		1537	1775	2373			1363		1470	2491
pH		8.06	7.88	8.14						8.32
Salinity (ppt)							1.4	0.7		

	Terlingua Creek		Rio Grande at Castolon pullout	Rio Grande at Gravel Pit	Boquillas Overlook	Adams Ranch	Adams Ranch downstream at Castle	Contrabando Movie Set	Rio Grande at Santa Elena
Common name	Species	Rio Grande at Santa Elena	mouth Isolated Pool			Adams Ranch			
longnose gar	<i>Lepisosteus osseus</i>				2	1	2		1
gizzard shad	<i>Dorosoma cepedianum</i>	1		1					
Mexican stoneroller	<i>Campostoma ornatum</i>								
Rio Grande silvery minnow	<i>Hybognathus amarus</i>		3						
speckled chub	<i>Macrhybopsis aestivalis</i>	11	2	13	20	2	1		33
red shiner	<i>Cyprinella lutrensis</i>	1462	470	999	481	289	189	114	523
blacktail shiner	<i>Cyprinella venusta</i>								194
red x blacktail shiner hybrid	<i>C. lutrensis x venusta hybrid</i>								
longnose dace	<i>Rhinichthys cataractae</i>		1						
Chihuahua shiner	<i>Notropis chihuahua</i>								
Tamaulipas shiner	<i>Notropis braytoni</i>	219	182	217	148	36	11	2	7
Rio Grande shiner	<i>Notropis jemezanus</i>					1			4
bullhead minnow	<i>Pimephales vigilax</i>								
common carp	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>		2	1	1	2			
river carpsucker	<i>Carpoides carpio</i>	9	30	6	16	10		2	8
blue sucker	<i>Cyclopterus elongatus</i>					1			
Mexican tetra	<i>Astyanax mexicanus</i>				3	12	1		2
blue catfish	<i>Ictalurus furcatus</i>			1		1	1		
channel catfish	<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>			3	12	11	1		1
flathead catfish	<i>Pylodictis olivaris</i>			1	1	1		1	
inland silverside	<i>Menidia beryllina</i>							1	
plain killifish	<i>Fundulus kansasae</i>	6	1	4		1			11
western mosquitofish	<i>Gambusia affinis</i>	3	7	2	5	362	331	50	3
largemouth bass	<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>								
green sunfish	<i>Lepomis cyanellus</i>								
bluegill	<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>								
longear sunfish	<i>Lepomis megalotis</i>		1		11	24	5	2	2
freshwater drum	<i>Aplodinotus grunniens</i>				1				
blue tilapia	<i>Oreochromis aureus</i>								
Rio Grande cichlid	<i>Cichlasoma cyanoguttatum</i>					1			
Number of Fishes Captured		1711	699	1248	698	742	555	172	539
N Species		7	10	11	11	12	11	8	8
Temperature			21.8	26	30.2	29.7	30.1	30.03	23.4
Dissolved Oxygen			8.05	7.89	7.54	7.41			9.3
Conductivity			1056	1846	1425	1337	1333	1353	2794
pH			8.55	8.24	8.11	7.93			8.16
Salinity (ppt)							0.7	0.7	7.88

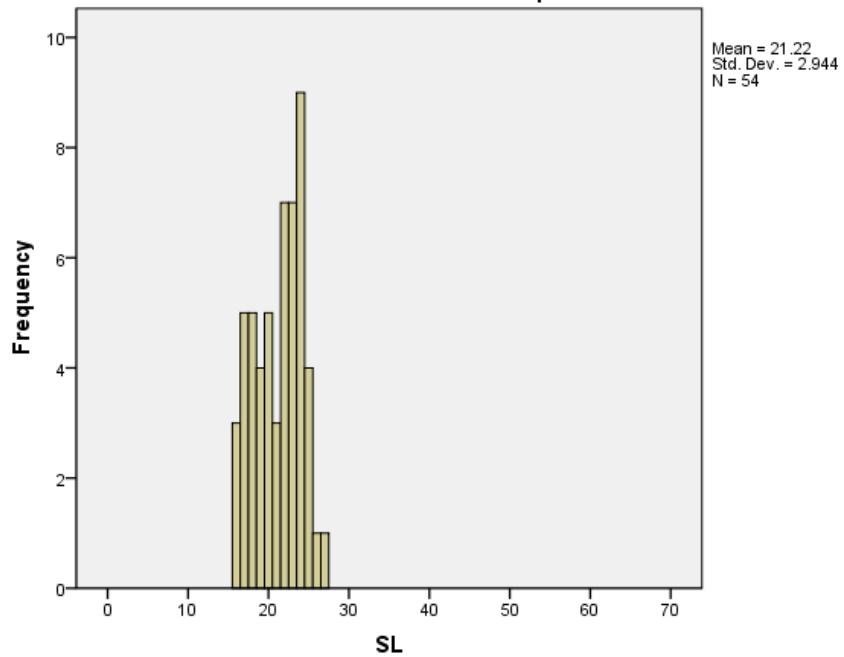
	Terlingua Creek mouth Isolated Pool	Rio Grande at Castolon pullout	Rio Grande at Tornillo Cr. mouth	Rio Grande at RGV Boa Ramp	Boquillas Overlook	Adams Ranch	Adams Ranch downstream at Castle
Common name	Species						
longnose gar	<i>Lepisosteus osseus</i>						
gizzard shad	<i>Dorosoma cepedianum</i>						
Mexican stoneroller	<i>Campostoma ornatum</i>						
Rio Grande silvery minnow	<i>Hybognathus amarus</i>						
speckled chub	<i>Macrhybopsis aestivalis</i>			3	3		
red shiner	<i>Cyprinella lutrensis</i>	88	293	13	36	2	7
blacktail shiner	<i>Cyprinella venusta</i>						10
red x blacktail shiner hybrid	<i>C. lutrensis x venusta hybrid</i>						
longnose dace	<i>Rhinichthys cataractae</i>						
Chihuahua shiner	<i>Notropis chihuahua</i>						
Tamaulipas shiner	<i>Notropis braytoni</i>	11	10	3	5	4	2
Rio Grande shiner	<i>Notropis jemezanus</i>						6
bullhead minnow	<i>Pimephales vigilax</i>						
common carp	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>						
river carpsucker	<i>Carpoides carpio</i>	1	2		2		
blue sucker	<i>Cyclopterus elongatus</i>						3
Mexican tetra	<i>Astyanax mexicanus</i>		1				
blue catfish	<i>Ictalurus furcatus</i>					4	
channel catfish	<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>						
flathead catfish	<i>Pylodictis olivaris</i>					2	
inland silverside	<i>Menidia beryllina</i>						
plain killifish	<i>Fundulus kansasae</i>						
western mosquitofish	<i>Gambusia affinis</i>			1	1	1	3
largemouth bass	<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>						1
green sunfish	<i>Lepomis cyanellus</i>						
bluegill	<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>						
longear sunfish	<i>Lepomis megalotis</i>						
freshwater drum	<i>Aplodinotus grunniens</i>						
blue tilapia	<i>Oreochromis aureus</i>						
Rio Grande cichlid	<i>Cichlasoma cyanoguttatum</i>						
Number of Fishes Captured	100	306	20	47	10	18	17
N Species	4	5	5	6	5	6	4
Temperature	19.5	22.2	29.2	30	29.8	25.2	25.3
Dissolved Oxygen	6.8	7.9	6.26	6.13	6.48	6.13	6.83
Conductivity	1502	2262	1589	1550	1421	1186	1194
pH	8.06	8.03	8.07	8.07	8.31	8.17	8.29
Salinity (ppt)							

Appendix B. Length (mm SL) distribution of Rio Grande silvery minnows from the Texas
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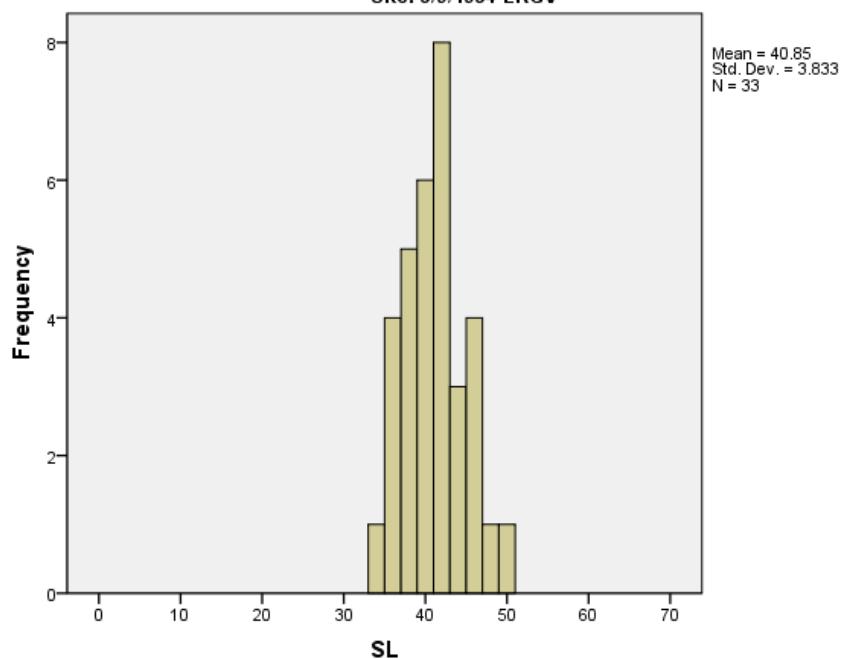
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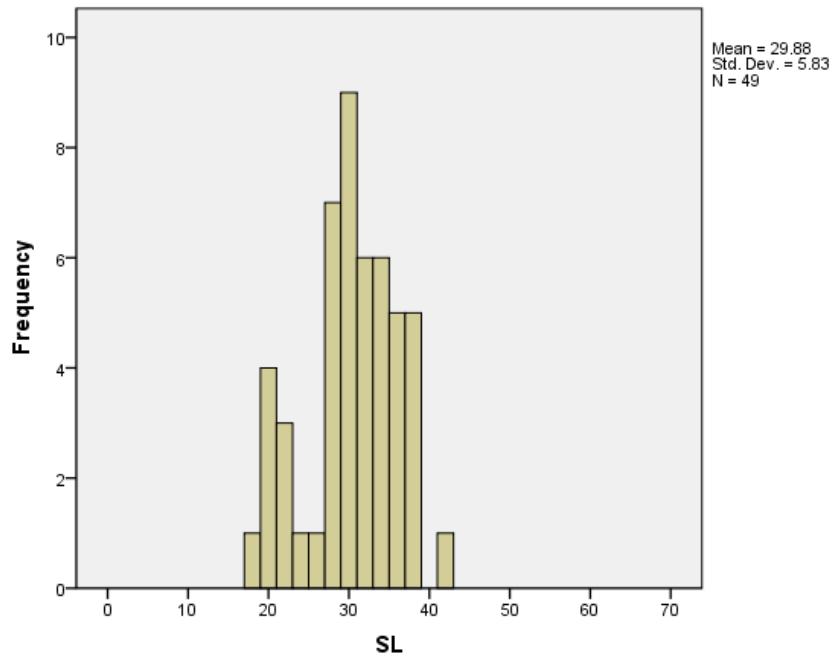
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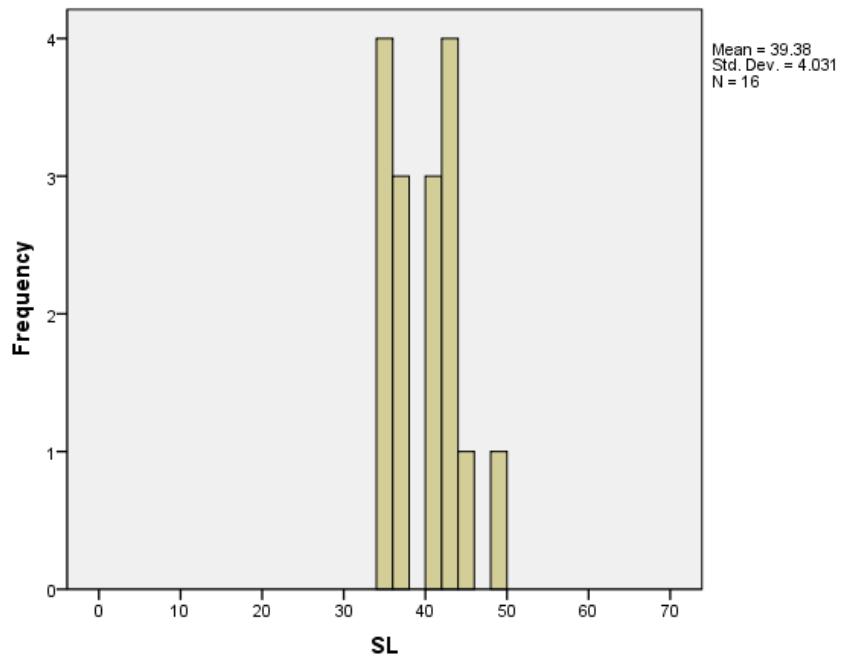
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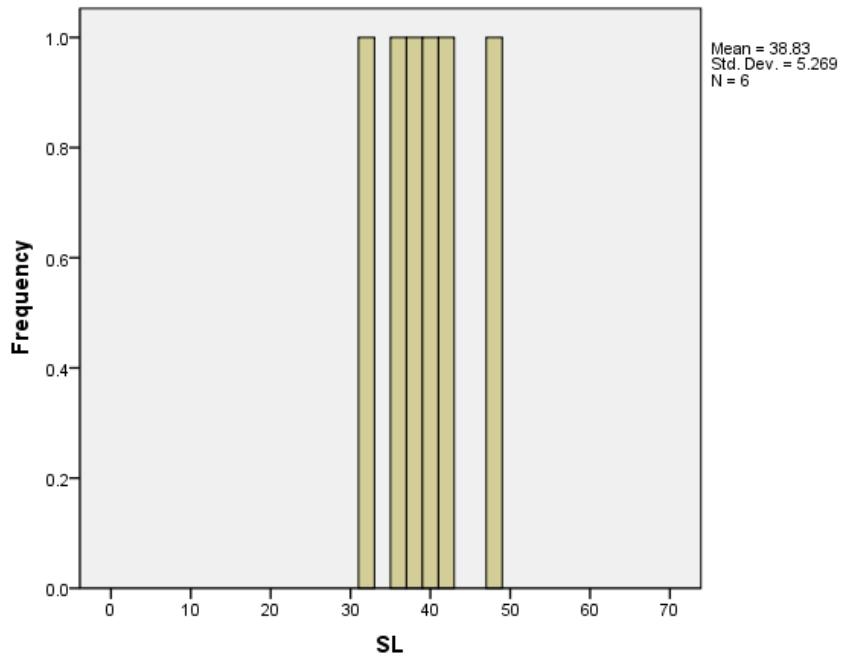
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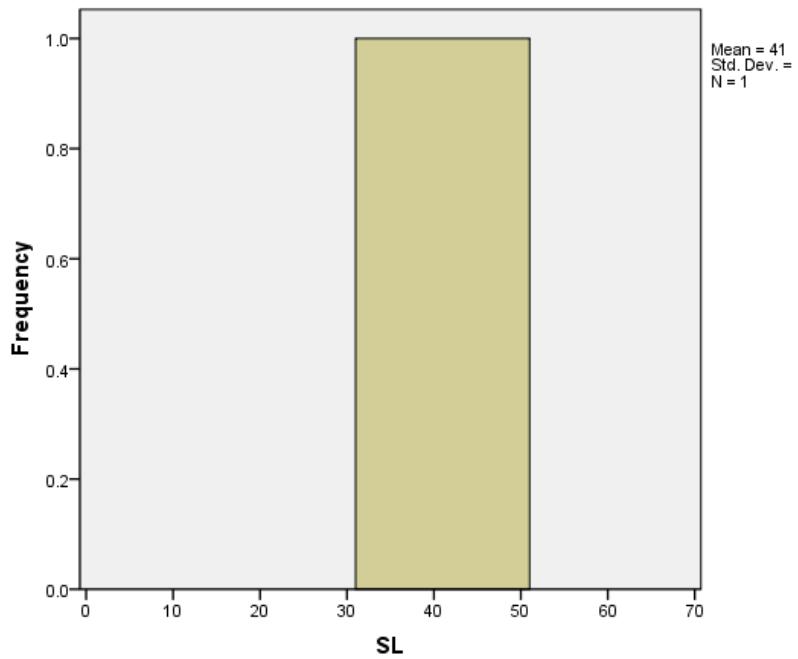
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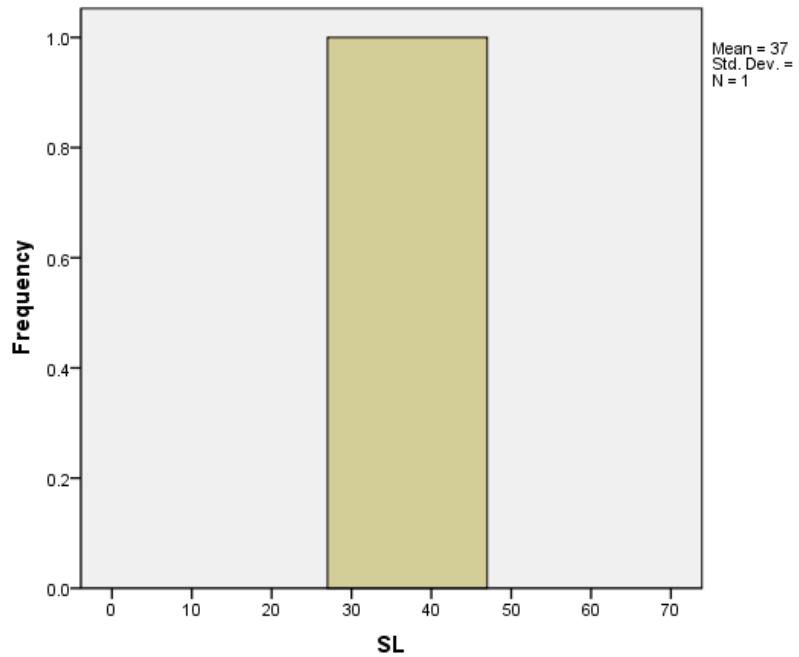
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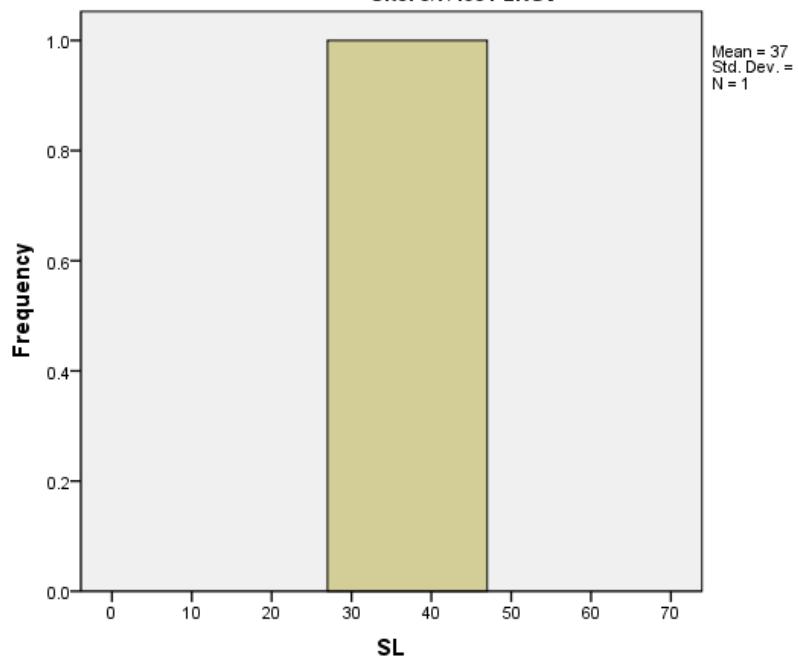
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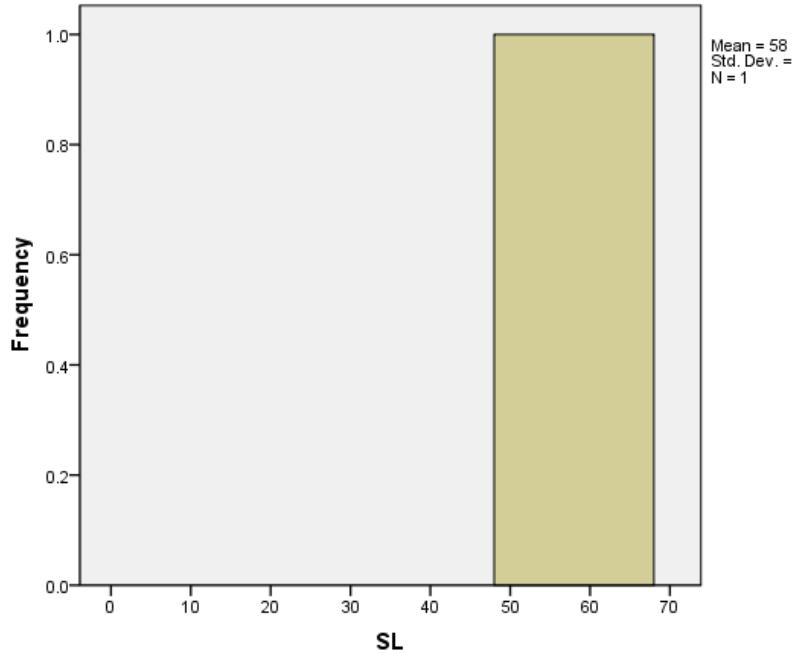
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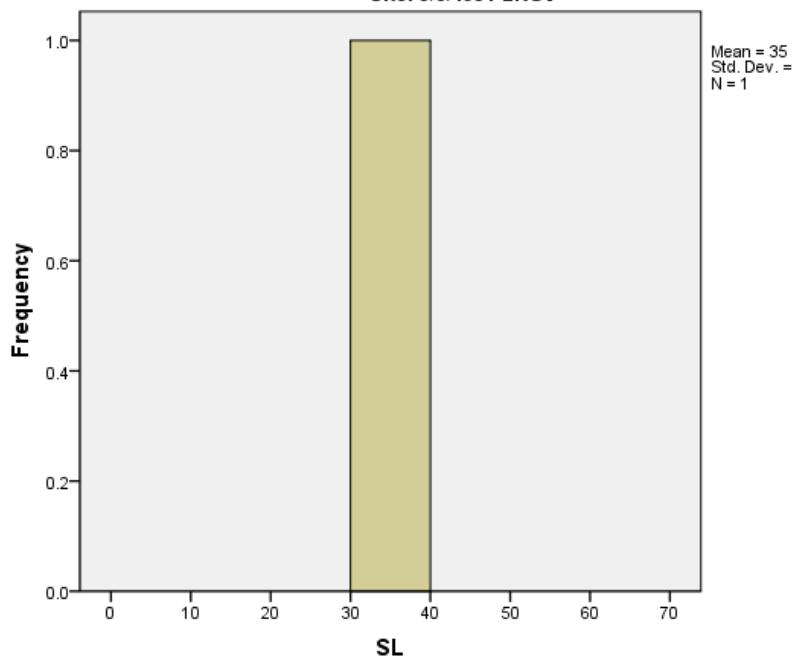
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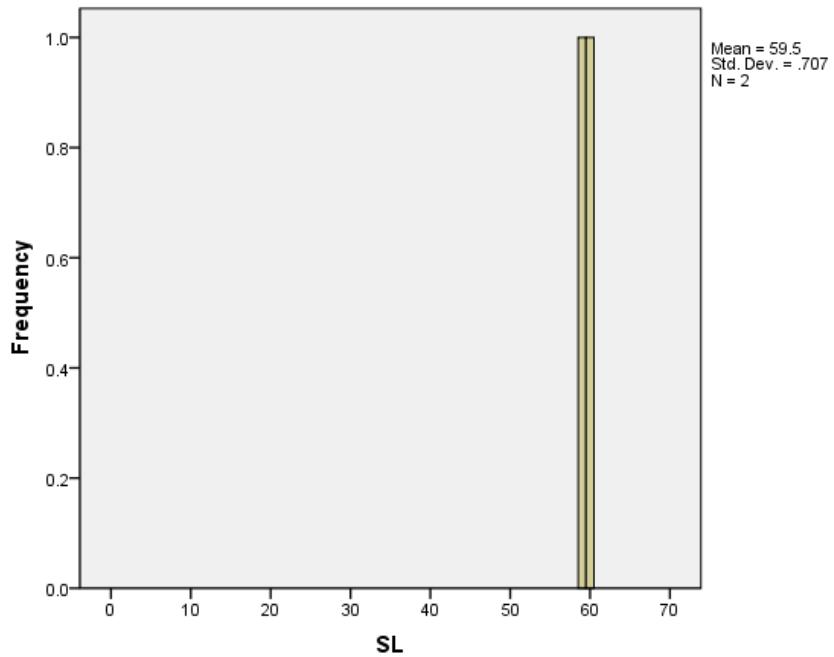
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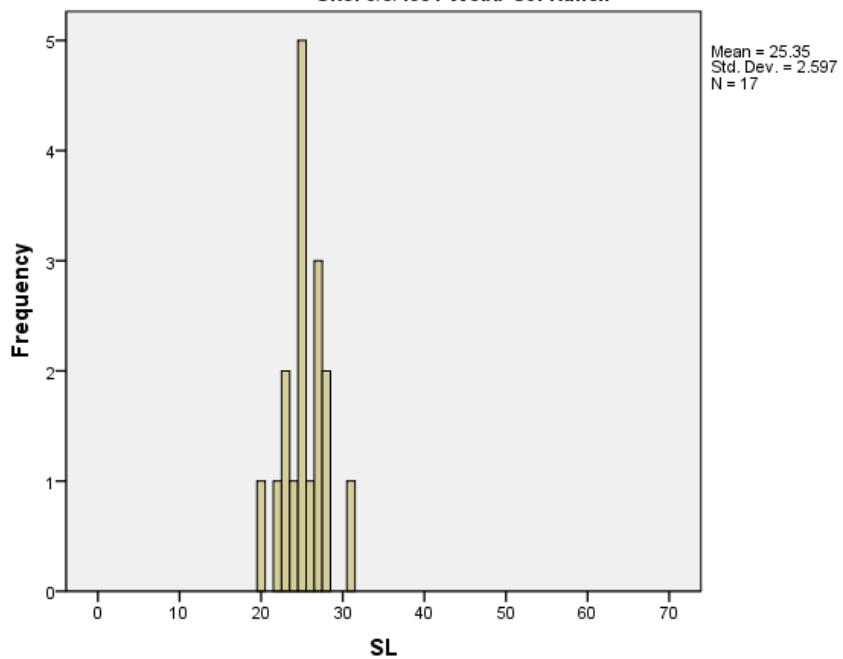
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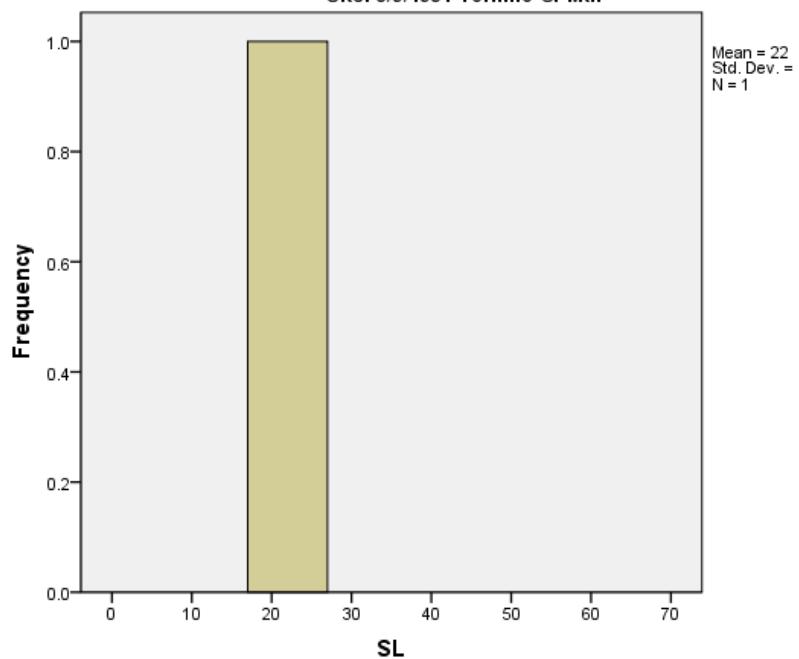
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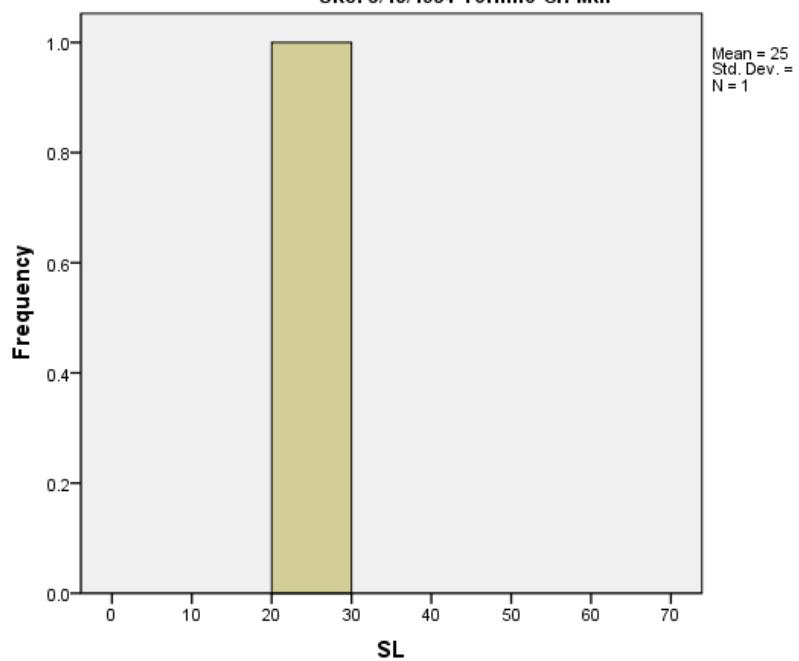
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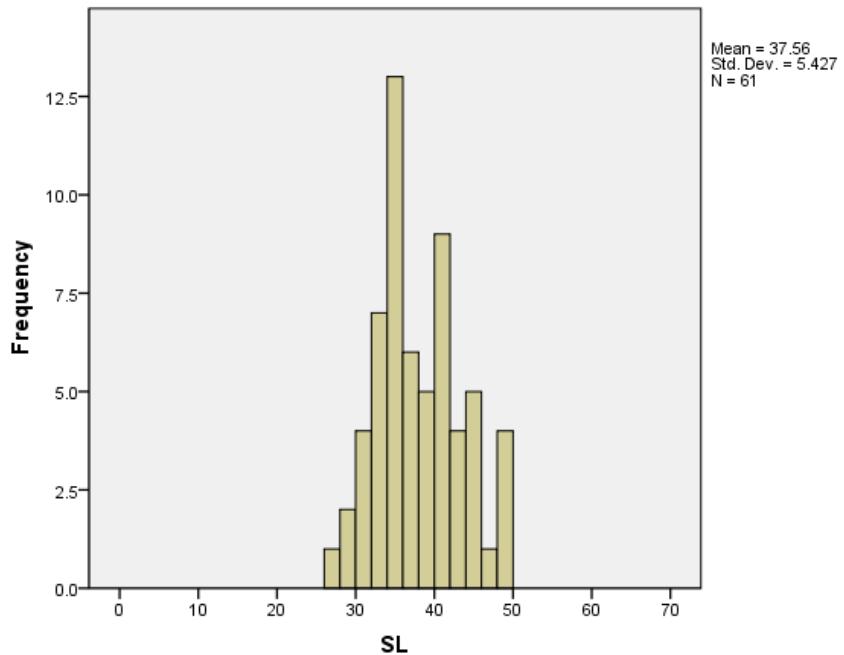
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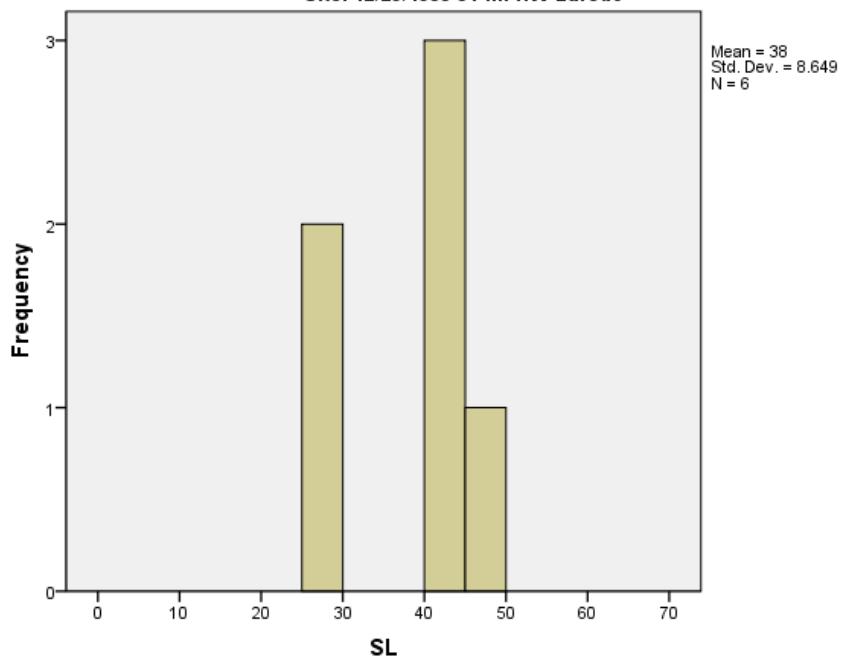
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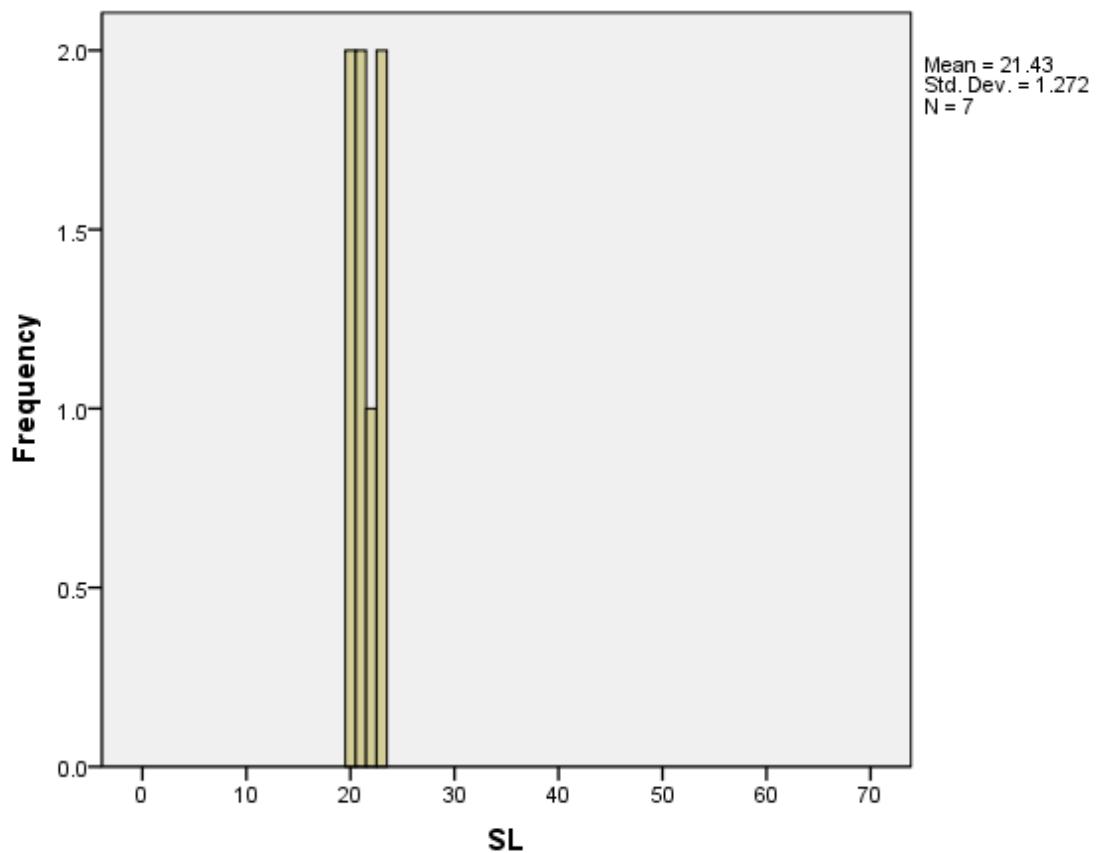
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Site: 6/9/1954 Tornillo Cr. Mth



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Site: 7/21/1954 S of Dryden

