

# Arthurs paragalaxias

*Paragalaxias mesotes*



*Arthurs paragalaxias* occurs only in Woods and Arthurs lakes. The species appears to be more abundant in Arthurs Lake.

**Description:** A small, bullet-shaped fish. The head slopes to a long blunt snout. The large eyes sit high on the head and face forward. The tail is slightly forked. As with all Paragalaxias they don't have scales.

**Colour:** Dark green-grey on back, extending down the sides as bands and patches. Background and belly are yellow-gold. Fins are clear with some colouring along the rays.

**Size:** Grows to 80 mm in length.

**Habitat:** Lives among aquatic plants, rocks and vegetation around lake shores.

**Diet:** Consists of aquatic invertebrates like midge, caddis larvae, crustaceans and worms.

**Life Cycle:** They live their whole life in freshwater. Not much is known of their life history, although spawning probably occurs during Spring. Eggs have been found under rocks around the shores of Woods Lake. Larvae have never been found.

**Distribution status:** Endemic.

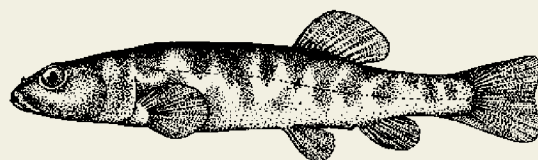
**Original range:** Native to the upper Lake River catchment where Arthurs and Woods lakes are now located.

**Reasons for change to distribution:** This species is totally protected and may not be taken without a permit.

**Legal status:** **Endangered** (State and Commonwealth lists).

**Can it be taken?** This species is totally protected and may not be taken without a permit.

**Other Names:** N/A.



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