

Redfin bully

Gobiomorphus huttoni

Native

At risk

Redfin bullies are one of the many native diadromous species found in New Zealand. This means they need both freshwater and marine environments at some stage of their lives. Redfin bullies in the Waikato are generally found in stony streams with good water quality closer to the coast, which gives them unimpeded passage to the sea.

The male redfins show amazing red colouration along the body and fins, which is not apparent in the female. The diagonal facial stripes are the most distinctive feature of both male and female redfins. The average length is around 80 to 100 millimetres.

