Results of a Pilot Monitoring Project for Topeka Shiners in Southwestern Minnesota

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ABSTRACT

Recent studies have shown that the Topeka shiner was once a common, wide-ranging species in the small prairie streams of portions of Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, and Iowa. The species has experienced a widespread decline throughout its historic range, and is now listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) as endangered. This study was undertaken as a pilot project to conduct baseline presence/absence surveys for Topeka shiners within the federally proposed critical habitat in Minnesota. These data will comprise the initial year of an ongoing population-monitoring project designed to provide the DNR with a tool for detecting changes in the overall presence/absence of Topeka shiners within Minnesota.

Twenty random stream segments within the Rock and Big Sioux watersheds of southwestern Minnesota were selected using an ArcView extension program. Based on known habitat preferences, aerial photos of the 20 stream segments were reviewed to identify the 10 most likely sampling sites within each stream segment. If off-channel habitats were present then these were always included as potential sample sites. A brief field reconnaissance of each stream segment allowed us to rank the ten sites within each segment according to which sites appeared most suitable for Topeka shiners, and sampling was conducted using a 10' x 4' (or, depending on stream size, a 25' x 4') eighth-inch mesh minnow seine.

Topeka shiners were found at 17 of the 20 1-mile stream segments, and in 11 of these 17 stream segments Topeka shiners were found at the first site sampled. Few true off-channel habitats existed within the 20 1-mile stream corridors, but the shiners were generally found in well-developed in-channel pools or backwaters that appear to stay connected to the stream year-round.

The scope of this baseline pilot-year project was limited and designed to conduct only straightforward presence/absence surveys for Topeka shiners in 20 1-mile stream segments. Even so, a few of observations were noted: (a) The three stream segments that did not produce Topeka shiners were all very small headwaters with narrow down-cut channels and almost continuous raceways/flowing waters; (b) A few of the 1-mile segments had good numbers of individuals and what appeared to be an abundance of suitable habitat, and may warrant a closer look for future habitat enhancement / landowner involvement projects; and (3) the GIS cover of critical habitat/stream channels needs to be updated using current aerial imagery to account for changes in stream position due to the ever-changing stream channels.

Introduction

Recent studies have shown that the Topeka shiner was once a common, wide-ranging species in the small prairie streams of portions of Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, and Iowa (Tabor, 1998; Dahle, 2001). The species has experienced a widespread decline throughout its historic range, and was listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) as endangered, effective January 14, 1999 (Tabor, 1998). In response to a court settlement in "Biodiversity Legal Foundation *et al.* v. Ralph Morganwick *et al.* C00-D1180" the USFWS proposed as critical habitat a total of 186 stream segments representing 2,340 miles of stream and associated off-channel pools (Tabor, 2002).

Identification and life history characteristics of the Topeka shiner can be found in many recent reports (e.g., Tabor, 1998; Dahle, 2001; Berg et al., 2004) and will not be repeated here. We do note that the habitat in which Topeka shiners are almost always found include (1) off-channel habitats (ponds and oxbows/meander cut-off channels) that occasionally get inundated by high water levels from associated streams, and (2) in-channel pools and backwaters that have little to no flow; this species does not normally live in riffles, raceways, or other constantly-flowing waters (Dahle, 2001).

The consensus among Topeka shiner researchers is that the species is not nearly as abundant in Minnesota (or elsewhere) as it was prior to European settlement and the subsequent alteration of the prairie ecosystem. However, recent surveys of Minnesota waters have shown that the Topeka shiner is "far more common in [this state] than was once thought" (Hatch, 2001). As stated in Tabor (2002), while much habitat in these Minnesota streams has been altered by channelization, erosion, and sedimentation, "current [Minnesota] habitat conditions provide most or all of the primary constituent elements consistent with designation as critical habitat." Topeka shiners appear to exist in disjunct populations that are subject to local extirpation, but recolonization events do seem to occur if a source population is near. Therefore, all streams and associated off-channel pools within the Rock and Big Sioux watersheds of southwestern Minnesota have been proposed as critical habitat.

This study was undertaken as a pilot project to conduct baseline presence/absence surveys for Topeka shiners within the federally proposed critical habitat in Minnesota. Up to 10 sampling sites within each of 20 randomly selected 1-mile stream segments (and associated off-channel habitats) were surveyed. These data will comprise the initial year of an ongoing population-monitoring project designed to provide the DNR with a tool for detecting changes in the overall presence/absence of Topeka shiners within Minnesota. The data obtained during this first year's fieldwork will also be used to conduct a power analysis for evaluating whether or not the sample size of 20 stream segments is adequate for detecting an acceptable level of change in the population's presence/absence. (R. Baker, pers. comm.).

METHODS

Selection of Stream Segments

Twenty random stream segments (Appendix A) within the Rock and Big Sioux watersheds of southwestern Minnesota were selected using an ArcView extension program written by Tim Loesch (Minnesota DNR). A brief description of this extension file follows (T. Loesch, pers. comm.):

The extension randomly selects stream segments of user-specified size (one mile lengths in this case). Each line segment that represents a river or stream has a unique value assigned to it that represents the record number in the database for that stream segment. The program doesn't actually pick random points; instead it picks random record numbers that relate to stream segments. The program randomly selects segments by using a random number that is generated between 0 and the number of records in the database (e.g., if the random number is 2014 then the line segment that is record number 2014 in the database is chosen). If that segment is longer than the required length then the middle of the segment is selected and 1/2 of the segment distance is measured out from there and the line is clipped at those positions. If the line is not longer than the desired line length, then the lines that connect to the line are merged together. If that segment is long enough then it will select the center of the line and generate a line that is the correct length.

Landowner Contact

Permission from landowners was required to access the property containing the selected random stream segments. Landowner contact information was determined using plat maps and/or contacting the County Auditor's Office. We contacted landowners by phone one week before the survey. We explained the purpose and procedure of the survey, and requested permission to come onto their property. If permission was not granted or landowners were not available, the portion of the stream segment outside of the property in question was surveyed. In the latter cases (which were few), Topeka shiners were found in the sampling sites outside of the property; so further sampling within the stream segment was not required.

Selection and Reconnaissance of Sampling Sites

Based on known habitat preferences, we reviewed aerial photos (U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Services Agency, Aerial Photography Field Office, Summer 2003, FSA NAIP 2003) of the 20 stream segments to identify the 10 most likely sampling sites within each stream segment. If off-channel habitats (OCH) were present then these were always included as potential sample sites. We then conducted a brief reconnaissance of each stream segment, and ranked the ten sites within each segment according to which sites appeared most suitable for Topeka shiners. Reconnaissance of the streams and sampling for fishes occurred during May 10-12 (Segments 1-10) and June 7-9 (Segments 11-20) 2004. GPS coordinates were taken at each sampling site using a Garmin GPSmap 76.

Sampling for Fishes

Table 1 (Appendix B) lists the twenty stream segments, and provides locality information & basic habitat descriptions of all sampling sites. For each of the 20 stream segments, we began sampling at the site deemed most likely to contain Topeka shiners. Sampling techniques

included standard seine hauls, set-kicks, and "working" undercut banks and vegetated shorelines while using a 10' x 4' (or, depending on stream size, a 25' x 4') eighth-inch mesh minnow seine.

Given the differences in stream sizes and habitat heterogeneity, no attempt was made to standardize sampling effort or time between the sampling sites (quantitative sampling was not a goal of this project). At the numerous sites where Topeka shiners were not found, sampling time varied from 5 minutes (e.g., a simple unobstructed 10-foot long pool) to 30 minutes. All available habitats within a given site were thoroughly sampled until either (1) Topeka shiners were found or (2) in the professional judgment of P. Ceas it was determined that there were no Topeka shiners present. Some additional exploratory sampling took place at a few sites that appeared to contain relatively large numbers of shiners and "good" habitat.

RESULTS

Topeka shiners were found at 17 of the 20 1-mile stream segments (Table 1; Appendices A & C); they were not found in Segments 11, 13, and 19. In 11 of the 17 stream segments that did contain Topeka shiners, we found the species in the first site sampled (e.g., Site 2-1). These 11 segments & corresponding sites are 2-1, 3-1, 4-1, 7-1, 8-1, 9-1, 10-1, 14-1, 15-1, 16-1, and 17-1. In eight of these 11 segments we captured Topekas in the first seine haul. Topeka shiners were also found in Sites 1-3, 6-2, 18-3, 12-4, 20-8, and 5-10.

Of the 17 stream segments where Topeka shiners were found, four of these (Segments 1, 6, 7, and 9) contained at least one off-channel habitat or an oxbow/pool that was likely to become an OCH as the summer water levels receded (identified as "off-channel" in Table 1). Segments 18 & 20 each contained a site that had a well-defined backwater pool with Topeka shiners. Ten of the 11 remaining segments (Segments 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17) had at least one well-developed in-channel pool. Segment 5 was essentially a flowing stream through its entire length, but we did capture one Topeka Shiner in Site 5-10.

Stream segments 11, 13, and 19 were relatively small down-cut headwaters, with narrow channels and essentially continuously flowing water. Site 11-4 was a long pool and Site 11-9 was an OCH, but neither contained Topeka shiners.

DISCUSSION

The scope of this pilot-year project was limited and designed to conduct only straightforward presence/absence surveys for Topeka shiners in 20 1-mile stream segments. By design, these segments were randomly chosen, which (as expected) resulted in streams of various size and variety of habitats. Therefore, no attempt was made to quantify habitat assessment or sampling effort & time between sites. Even so, we did make a few of observations that seem worthwhile to include in this report.

(a) The three stream segments that did not produce Topeka shiners (11, 13, and 19) were all very small headwaters with narrow down-cut channels and almost continuous raceways/flowing

waters. Given the species' preference for pools and slow-moving waters, we were not surprised that Topekas were not found. Although these stream segments do not "appear" to contain habitat that is generally considered typical for Topeka shiners, it would be premature to conclude that Topeka shiners do not use such small, constant-flow streams (i.e., no pool habitat). It may simply be necessary to sample more than 10 sites within these smaller stream segments to be successful in capturing Topekas.

- (b) A few of the 1-mile segments had good numbers of individuals and what appeared to be an abundance of suitable habitat, and may warrant a closer look for future habitat enhancement / landowner involvement projects. These segments include numbers 3, 4, 7, 16, and 17.
- (c) As one can see from the red-dashed lines representing the "federally-proposed designated critical habitat for the Topeka Shiner" on the 2003 aerial photographs (Appendix A) of the stream segments sampled in this study, the GIS cover of critical habitat/stream channels needs to be updated using current aerial imagery.

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APPENDIX A – MAPS OF STREAM SEGMENTS

The red dots mark the beginning and end points for a given 1-mile stream segment.

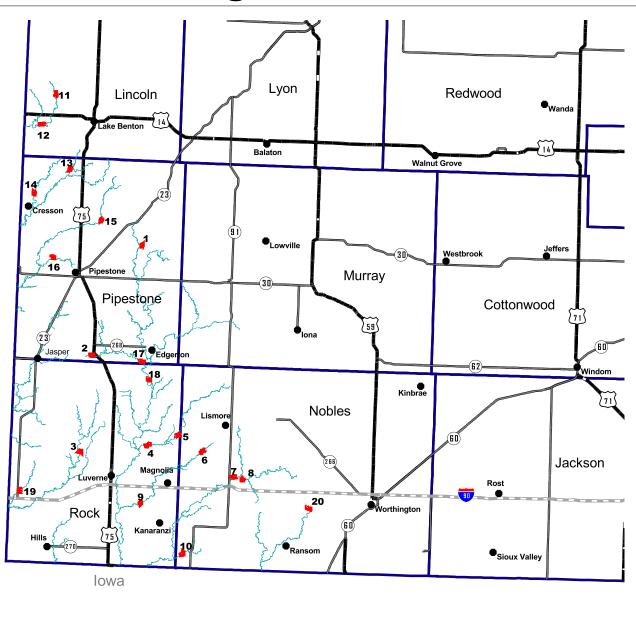
The yellow dots (with white numbers) correspond to the Sites given in Table 1.

The red-dotted lines show the actual stream channel as currently defined in the Federally proposed critical habitat shapefile.

Overview of Segments

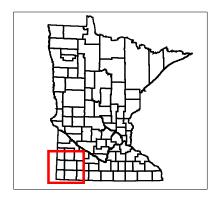
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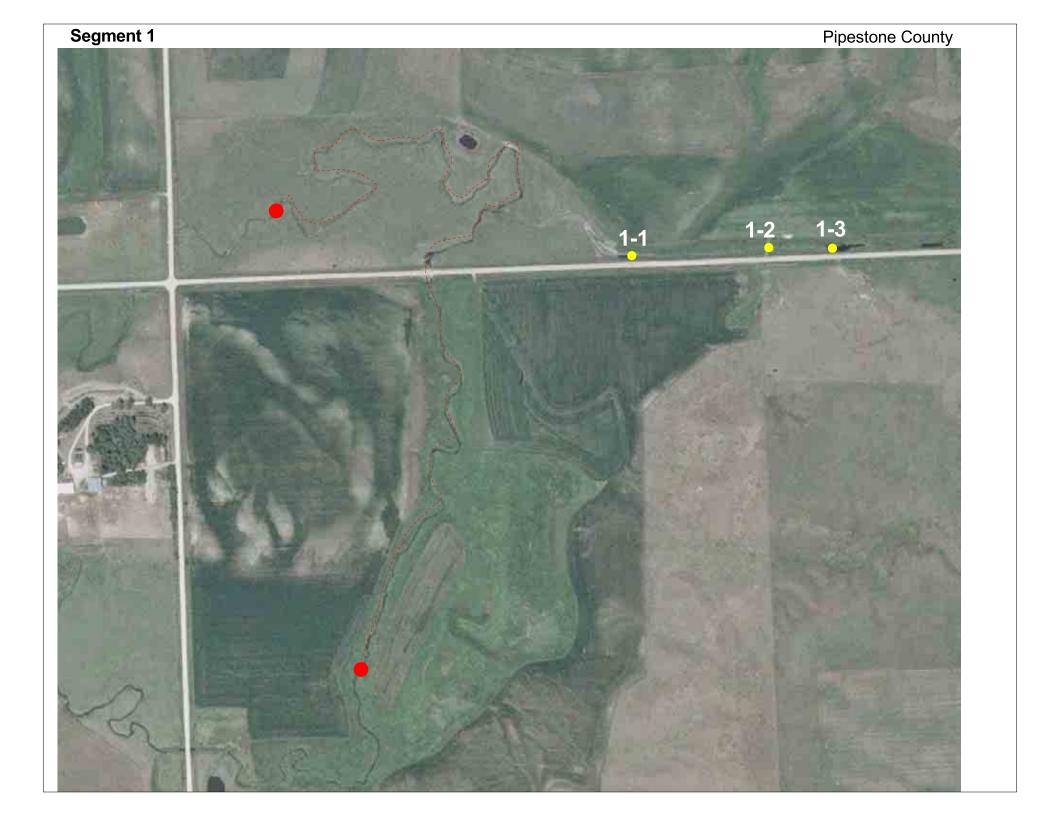
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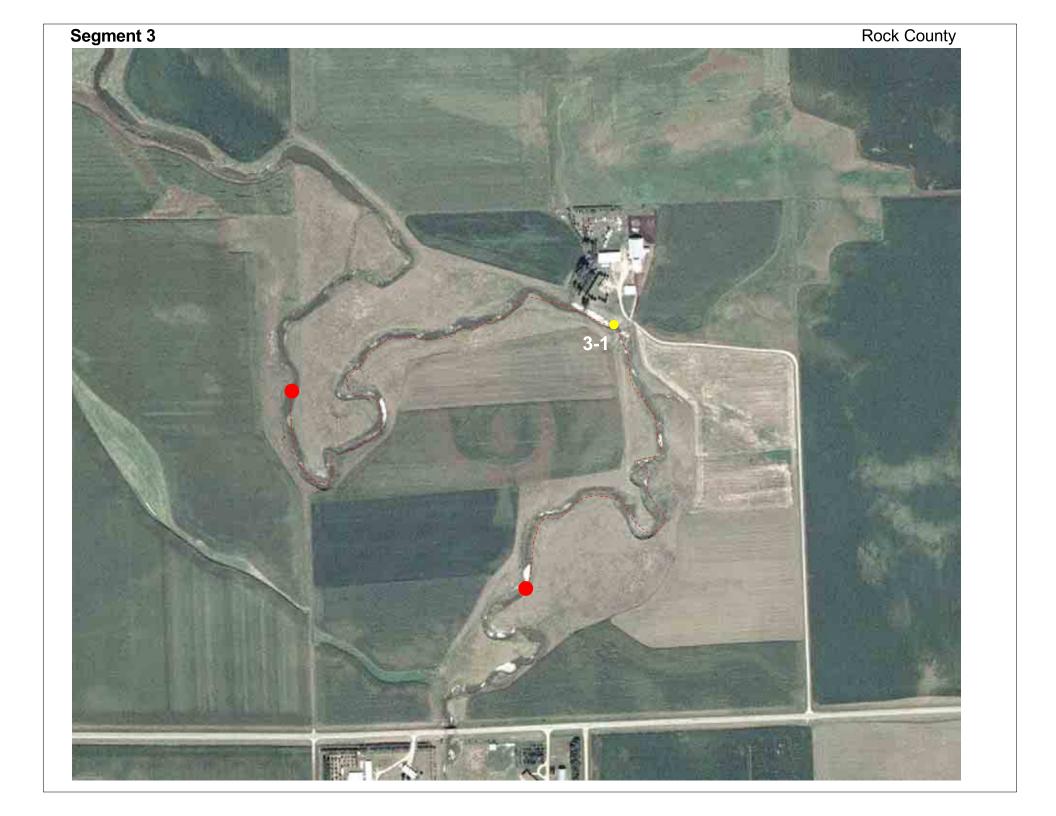
Populated Places
Segments 1 - 10
Segments 11 - 20
Topeka Shiner USFWS designated Critical Habitat
MNDOT Interstate and Trunk Highways
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Federal Trunk
State Trunk
Counties in Minnesota



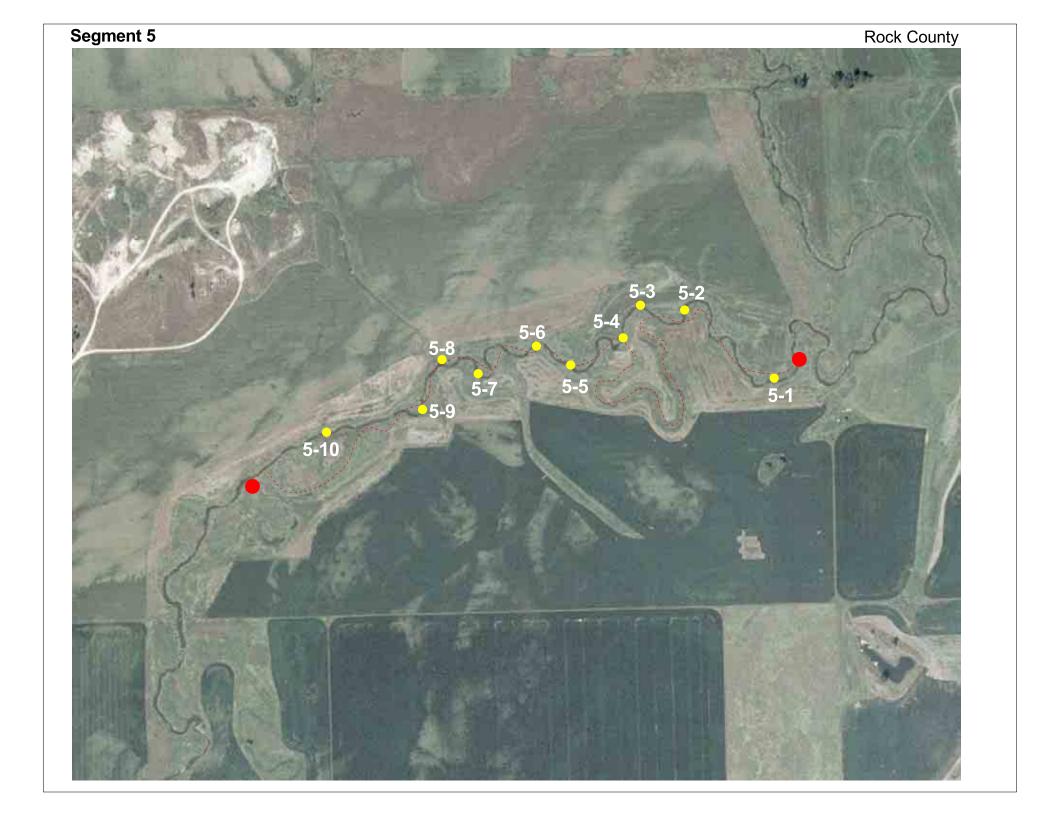






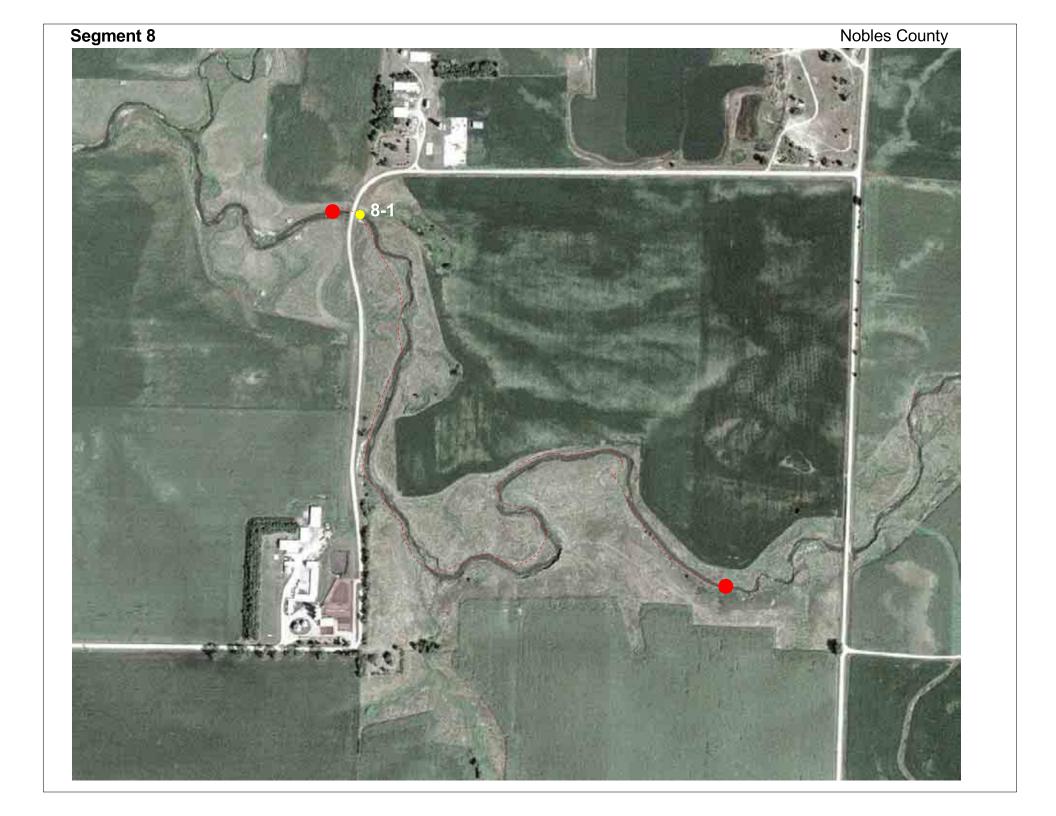


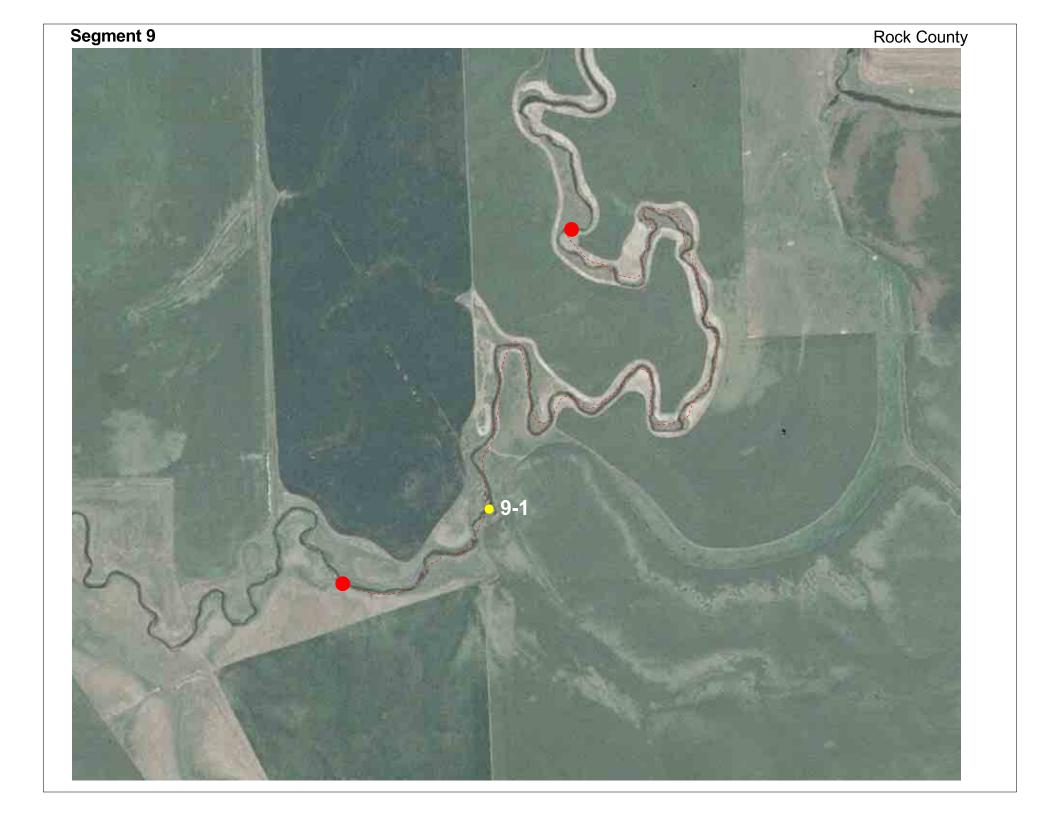




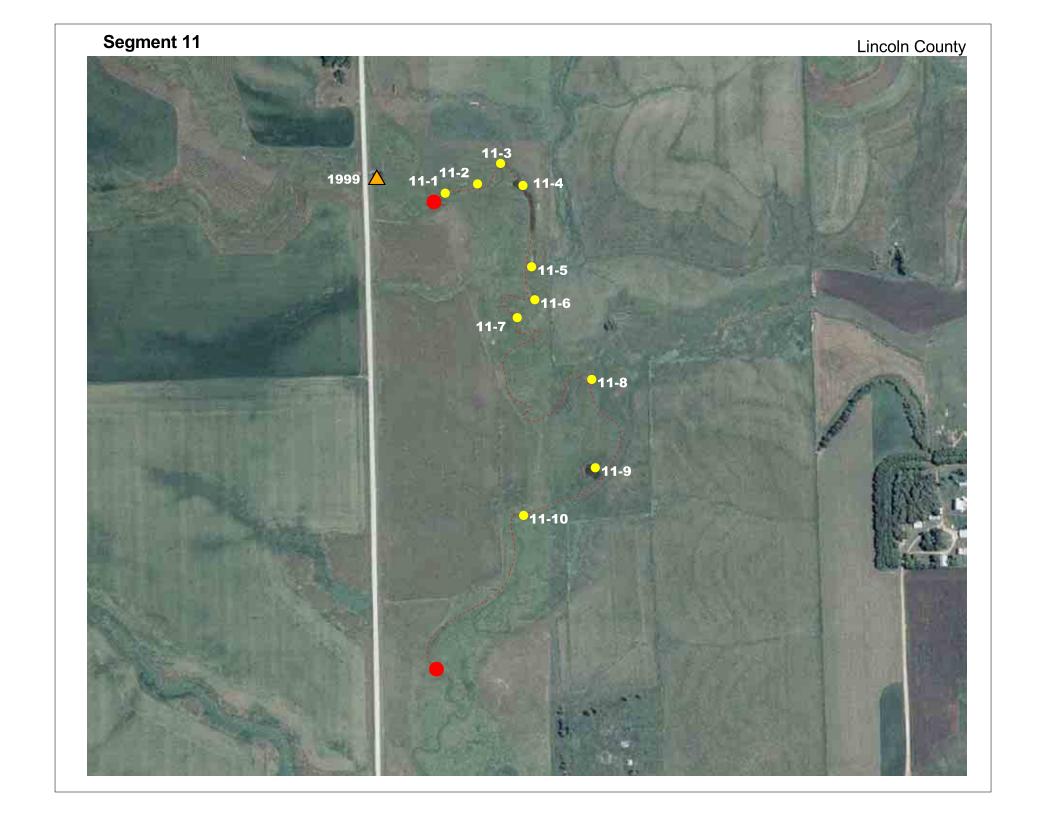


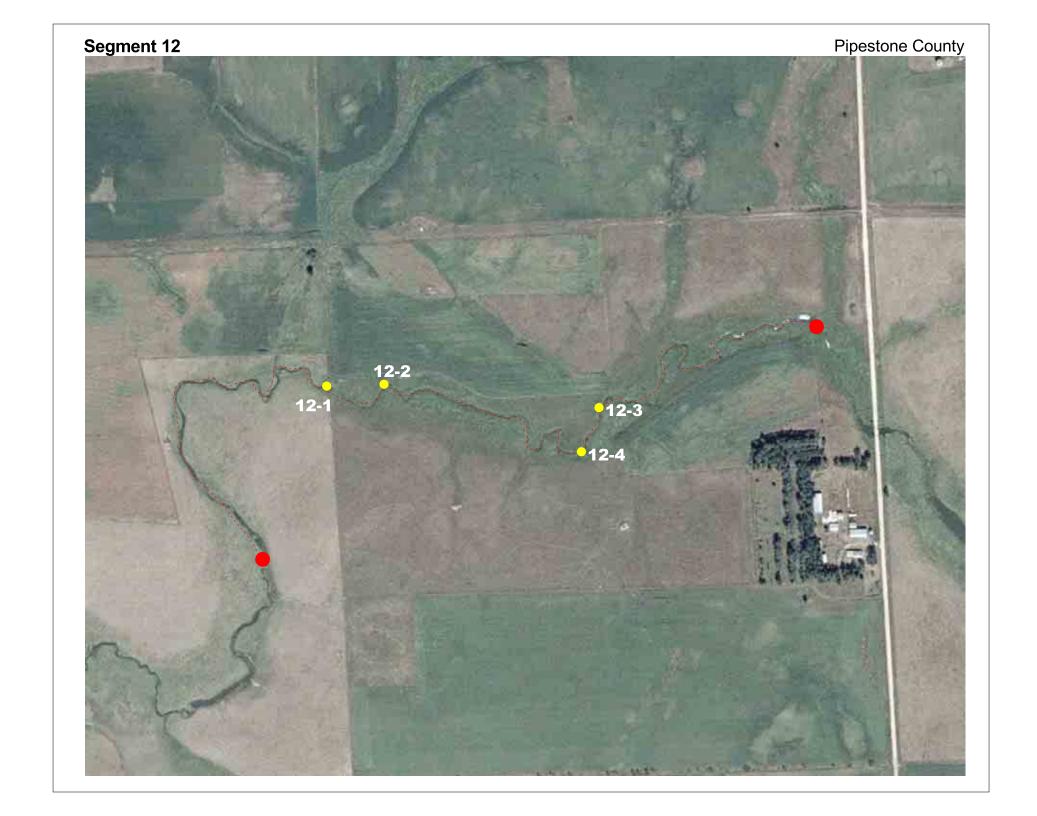


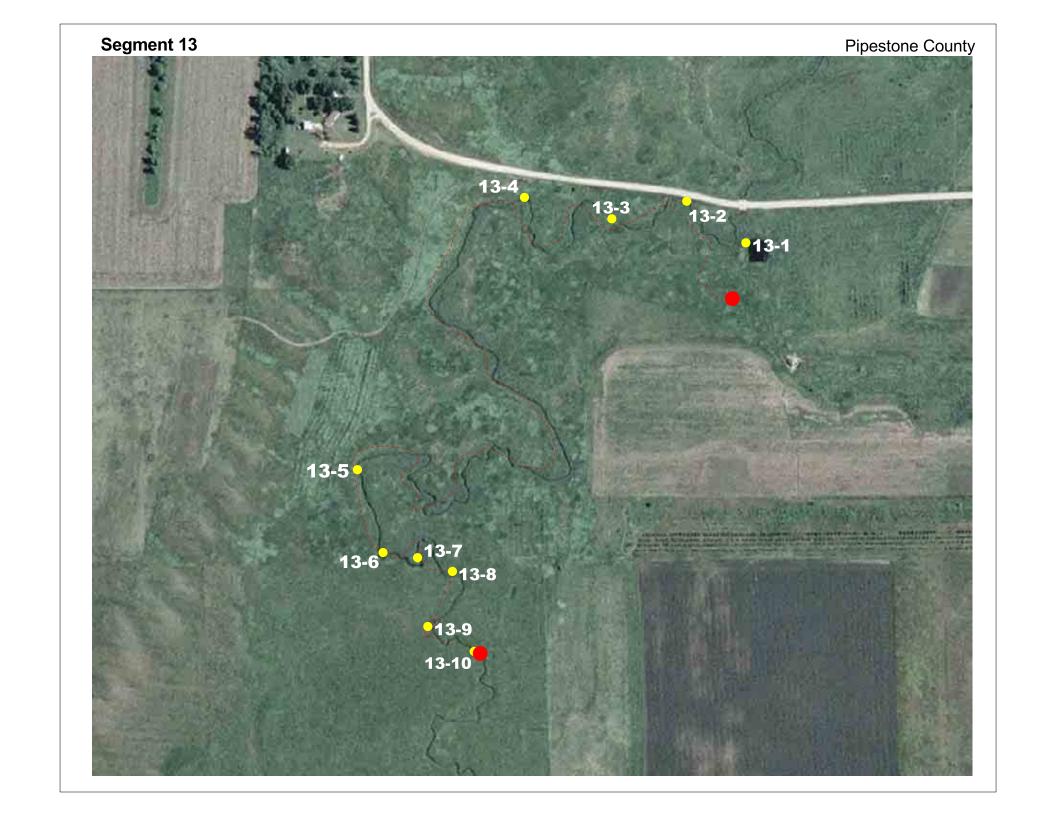








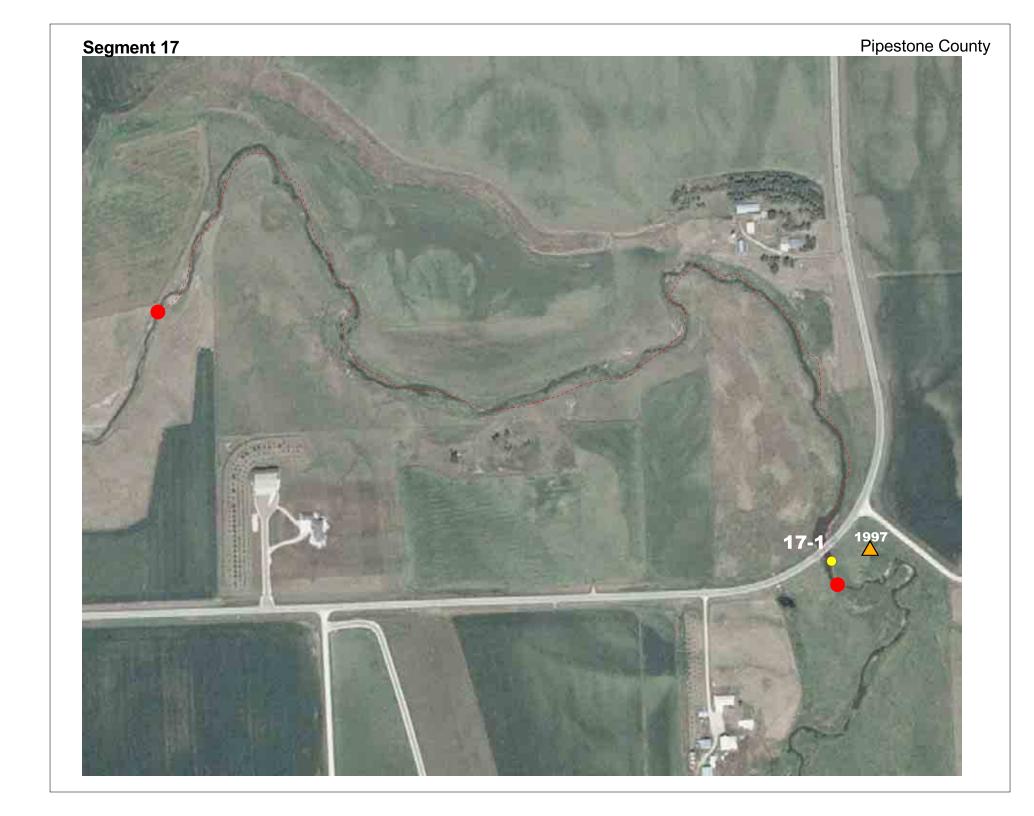


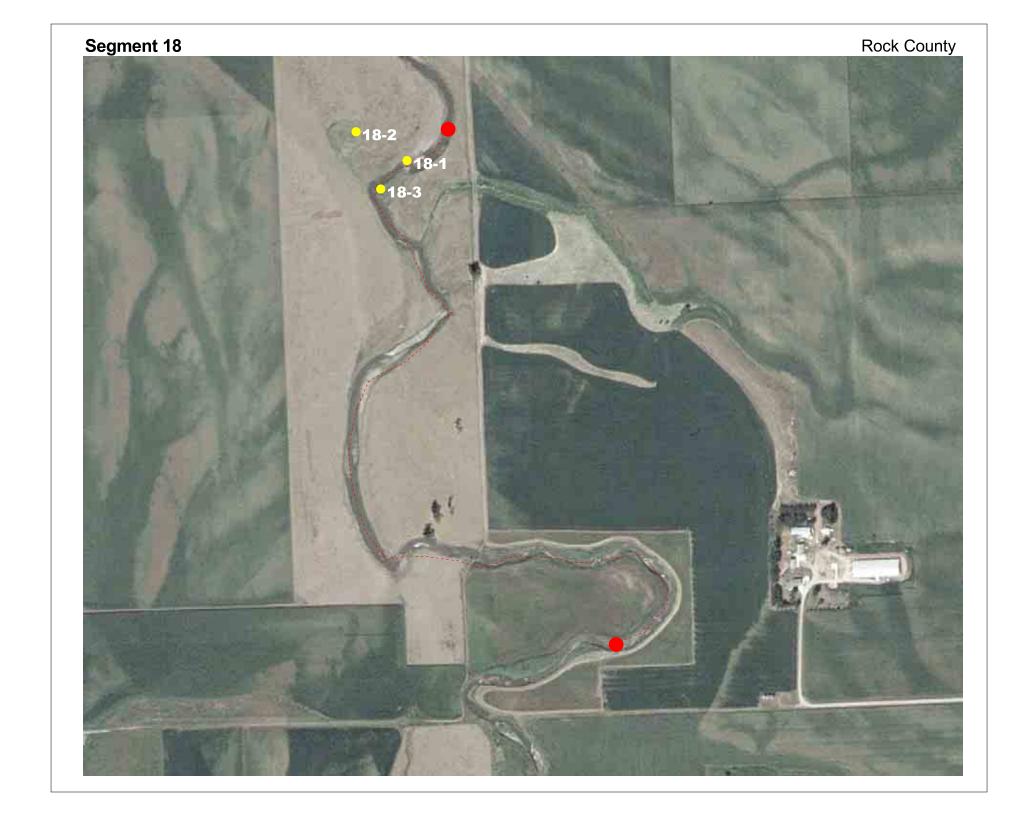


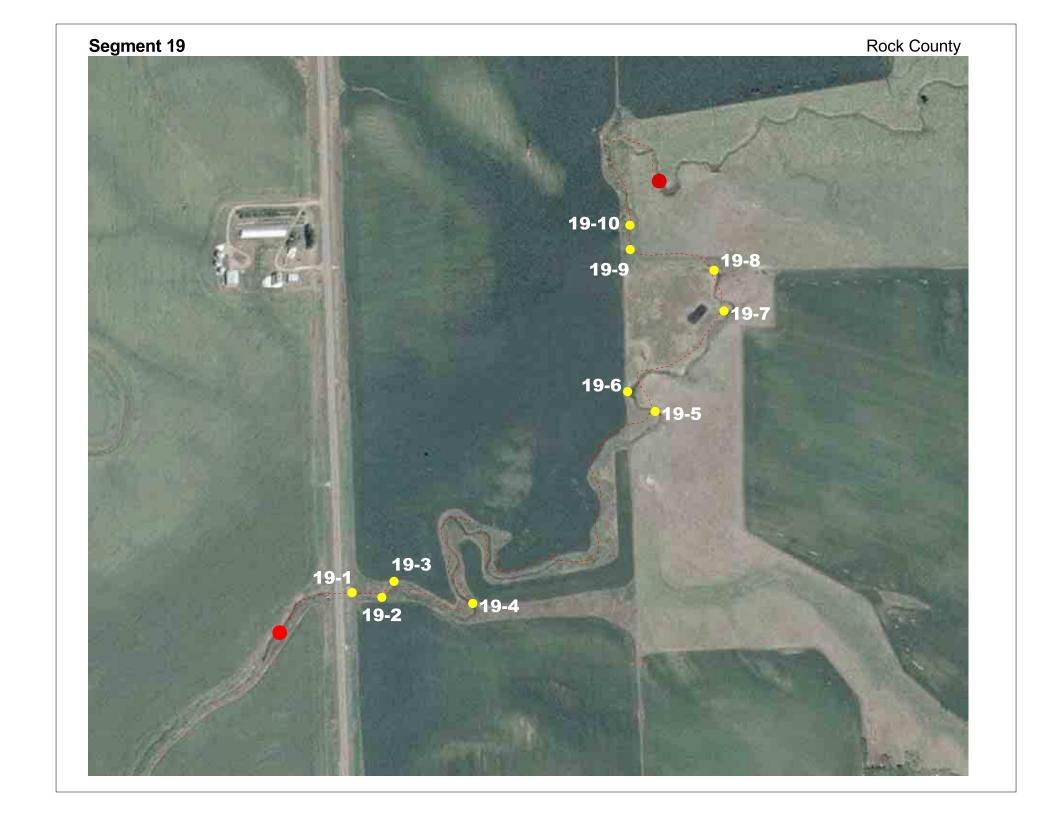


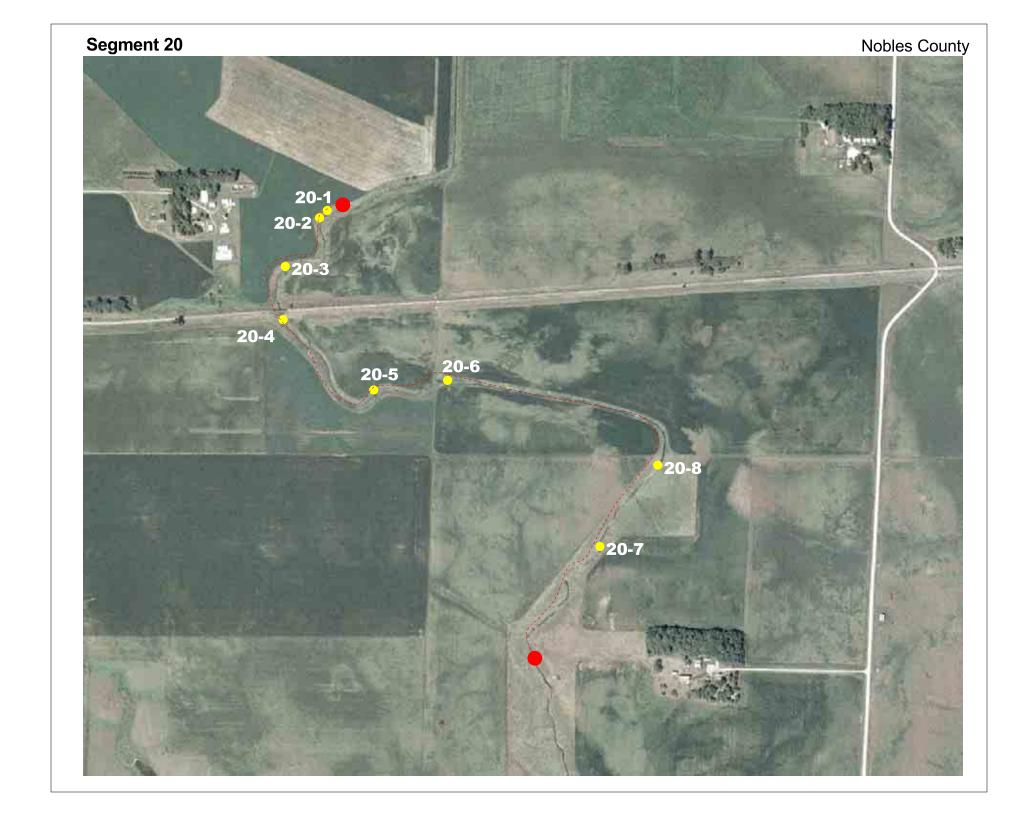












APPENDIX B – DESCRIPTIONS OF STREAM SEGMENTS AND SITES

Table 1 lists the twenty stream segments, and provides locality information & basic habitat descriptions of all sampling sites.

Table 1. Locations of the 20 stream Segments and corresponding sampling Sites within each Segment, along with a brief habitat description for each Site from which Topeka shiners were collected.. Included are a "Common Location" descriptor (approximate mileage & direction to nearest town/highways) and the legal location for the 20 Segments, and UTM coordinates for each sampling Site. For stream segments 1 to 10, 12, 14 to 18, and 20, the Site Number that is the highest (e.g., 1-3) is where the Topeka shiners were found. Topeka shiners were not found in Segments 11, 13, or 19.

egme	nt Stream Na	me & C	<u>Commo</u>	n Location				UTM Co	<u>ordinates</u>		
	County	T	R	Section(s)	Township Name	Site Number	Habitat Type	Northing	Easting		
1	tributary	, Rocl	k Rive	<u>r</u> 4 mi NW	Woodstock along CR 82	2					
	Pipestone	107	44	20, 29	Rock	1-1 1-2 1-3	"off-channel" "off-channel" "off-channel"	4882493.70916632 4882491.29015193 4882483.80536046	247116.22121536 247304.82303635 247392.11553304		
	-				s a series of isolated the third upstream p	O 1	ols obviously r te = silt over f		ving stream after		
<u>2</u>	<u>tributary</u>	, Popl	ar Cr	eek 2 mi S	Trosky @ CR 58						
	Pipestone	105	45	31, 32	Elmer	2-1	in-channel	4861357.22154336	237602.69750164		
	Small hea Substrate				well-developed main	n channel pools	. Topekas car	ught in first seine ha	ıul.		
<u>3</u>	Beaver C	reek	3.75 W	NW intersec	etion U.S. 75 & CR 8						
_	Rock	103	45	30	Mound	3-1	in-channel	4843216.97338916	235194.78719674		
	Main cha	Main channel pool; stream banks in grasses, pastureland. Topekas caught in first seine haul.									
		-		clean firm	•	•	C				
<u>4</u>	Champe	padan	Creel	4 mi SW	Kenneth @ CR 9						
	Rock	103	44	20, 21	Vienna	4-1	in-channel	4844270.91048541	247607.92867930		
	Main cha	nnel p	ool cre	ated by be	eaver dam. Topekas	caught in first s	eine haul.				

Substrate = firm silt/mud.

Table 1. Continued.

Segment	egment Stream Name & Common Location UTM Coordinates										
	County	T	R	Section(s)	Township Name	Site Number	Habitat Type	Northing	Easting		
<u>5</u>	Champe	padan	Creel	k 2 mi SE k	<u>Kenneth</u>						
	Rock	103	44	13	Vienna	5-1	in-channel	4846201.85710974	254031.39322489		
						5-2	in-channel	4846318.85188757	253898.76272340		
						5-3	in-channel	4846331.59228944	253830.26015523		
						5-4	in-channel	4846282.56372453	253799.20054884		
						5-5	in-channel	4846245.92390682	253714.08964268		
						5-6	in-channel	4846279.26367580	253662.58791942		
						5-7	in-channel	4846242.63021569	253568.04637093		
						5-8	in-channel	4846269.05281464	253512.80075195		
						5-9	in-channel	4846192.99621567	253476.94663992		
						5-10	in-channel	4846168.17371573	253323.60413101		
		,		21, 28 Creek thack" and mu	1	6-1 6-2 pool; pool may	"off-channel" "off-channel" become an OC	4843247.04766188 4843214.25668661 CH as summer water	258646.99199312 258227.75317380 r levels recede.		
<u>7</u>	Kanarai	nzi Cre	<u>ek 1.</u>	5 mi NNE A	<u>drian</u>						
	Nobles	102	42	6, 7	Olney	7-1	"off-channel"	4838175.75471616	264678.17855515		
	levels re	cede du	ring tl	he summer	onnected to the maing. Topekas caught in mud combination.			kbow loses the conn	ection as the water		
<u>8</u>	Nobles No off-c	102 hannel	42 habita	8 ts. Overal				4838142.45359983 leveloped pools, ex- s slightly into a larg	265796.53386746 cept for immediately		

Table 1. Continued.

<u>Segment</u>	Stream Na	UTM Co	M Coordinates								
	County	T	R	Section(s)	Township Name	Site Number	Habitat Type	Northing	Easting		
9	Elk Cree	e k 3.5 r	ni NW	Kanaranzi (a	abandonde RR bridge	<u>></u>					
	Rock	102	44	29	Magnolia	9-1	off-channel	4833006.03129031	246325.97534404		
	Numerous OCH's located between concrete bridge supports of old RR right-of-way.										
	Substrate	e = silt/1	mud c	over firm sa	and.						
10	Norwegi	an Cre	ek ca	ı 1 mi NW F	llsworth @ CR 11						
10	Nobles	101	43	30	Grand Prairie	10-1	in-channel	4823998 52091510	254863.71292180		
		am has			ravel-bottom pool.			naul. Rest of segme			
				clean grav	•	. F					
11	4wih Ma	dow C			mur 1 D . 1 .	CD 12 0 CD 12	7				
<u>11</u>	Lincoln			<u>ca. 5.5 mi f</u> 27	NW Lake Benton, between						
	Lincoin	110	46	21	Dramen	11-1	in-channel	4911708.59591790	230249.03040691		
						11-2	in-channel	4911720.98264700	230308.78539617		
						11-3	in-channel	4911755.58640171	230353.68985700		
						11-4	in-channel	4911712.06555285	230391.53944889		
						11-5	in-channel	4911562.59350439	230396.70360569		
						11-6	in-channel	4911502.09752589	230397.96461932		
						11-7	in-channel	4911472.16495187	230363.70056803		
						11-8	in-channel	4911349.64757915	230490.92180897		
						11-9	off-channel	4911187.65415041	230486.04239396		
						11-10	in-channel	4911110.23371604	230348.39871404		

Small headwater (ave width ≤ 5 ft); primarily flowing water throughout. One main channel pool & one OCH were present. Substrate = clay & silt; silt in pools.

Table 1. Continued.

Segmen	<u>ıt Stream N</u>	ame & C	Commo	n Location				UTM Coordinates			
	County	T	R	Section(s)	Township Name	Site Number	Habitat Type	Northing	Easting		
12	Medary	Creek	ca. 6	mi W Lake B	senton, between CR 12	& CR 137					
	Lincoln	109	46	17	Verdi	12-1	in-channel	4905644.41293275	227454.11457659		
						12-2	in-channel	4905641.19642815	227538.55719575		
						12-3	in-channel	4905583.57684436	227853.39998540		
						12-4	in-channel	4905520.00364084	227822.51561404		
	Small na	rrow he	eadwa	ter with oc	cassional widening	s at cow crossing	s (Topekas fo	und at one of these	crossings).		
				& sand-silt		2)- (- F		8-)-		
	Substitut	e oou	ideib .	oc balla bill	minimus.						
<u>13</u>	Flandre	au Cre	ek ca	. 1.5 mi E U.	S. 75, 1.5 mi S Pipestor	ne-Lincoln county li	<u>ne</u>				
	Pipestone	108	46	11	Altona	13-1	off-channel	4897184.05311192	233400.84851203		
	1					13-2	in-channel	4897238.73790455	233334.05832885		
						13-3	in-channel	4897224.29343789	233243.60161829		
						13-4	in-channel	4897257.37076099	233142.00274069		
						13-5	in-channel	4896948.37372597	232919.96062124		
						13-6	in-channel	4896847.80003366	232943.22510120		
						13-7	in-channel	4896838.60952175	232983.47075093		
						13-8	in-channel	4896819.23552086	233023.69071205		
						13-9	in-channel	4896756.06452709	232989.94573954		
						13-10	in-channel	4896722.50506349	233042.61111258		
	Small he	adwate	r (ave	width 5-10) ft); primarily flow	ing water throug	hout. One art	ificial OCH.			
	Substrate	e = silt	& cla	V	,,,1						
				, -							
<u>14</u>	Willow (<u>Creek</u>	1.5 mi	E MN-SD sta	ate line, 4.5 mi S Pipest	tone-Lincoln county	<u>line</u>				
	Pipestone	108	46	30	Altona	14-1	in-channel	4892404.33536840	226059.33520028		
	Cattle ha	ive caus	sed a v	widening/n	ooling of stream T	Conekas caught ir	n first seine ha	ul (dropped fish, die	d not recapture)		
					a sand-silt mixture	-	i inst seme ma	ar (aropped rish, ar	a not recaptare).		
	Substran	c bou	ideis	scattered III	a sana-siit iiiiAture	··					
<u>15</u>	Pipeston	ie Cree	k 3.5	mi W Hollar	nd, between DR 8 & CI	R 69					
	Pipestone	107	45	9	Grange	15-1	in-channel	4887584.90974798	239261.25067843		
	1 ipostone	107	73	,	Grange	13-1	III CHAIIIICI	100/304.707/4/70	237201.23007043		

Large pool located under and downstream of CR 8.

Substrate = sand-silt mixture.

Table 1. Continued

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Substrate = clay & "muck."

Table 1. Concluded.

Segment Stream Name & Common Location

UTM Coordinates

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						20-2	in-channel	4832562.59912886	278346.20771765
						20-3	in-channel	4832473.69852562	278283.99430806
						20-4	in-channel	4832376.74276956	278279.85010498
						20-5	in-channel	4832247.60876081	278445.47868891
						20-6	in-channel	4832265.40240589	278580.41160667
						20-7	in-channel	4831961.82047724	278859.25626052
						20-8	in-channel	4832110.13852638	278964.98544058

Channelized creek with almost constant flow. One small backwater pool where one Topeka shiner was found. Substrate = clay and silt.

APPENDIX C – PHOTOGRAPHS OF HABITATS & FISHES

Pictures for Segments 11, 13, and 19 (no Topeka shiners captured) are photos of representative stream habitat for the 1-mile stream segments. Photos for the remaining segments are of the actual stream sites where Topeka shiners were collected.

For 16 of the 17 stream segments where Topeka shiners were found, voucher photographs of at least one fish specimen are included (the specimen for Segment 14-1 was dropped back into the water before the photo was taken).

Photos by P. Ceas.

Topeka shiner Site 1-3





Topeka shiner Site 2-1





Topeka shiner Site 3-1





Topeka shiner Site 4-1





Topeka shiner Site 5-10

<PICTURE OF SITE NOT AVAILABLE>





Topeka shiner Site 6-2





Topeka shiner Site 7-1

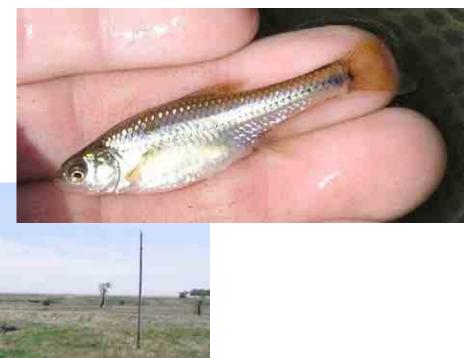








Topeka shiner Site 8-1





Topeka shiner Site 9-1









Topeka shiner Site 10-1







Topeka shiner Site 11 - no topekas







Topeka shiner Site 12-4





Topeka shiner Site 13 - no topekas



Topeka shiner Site 14-1- topeka female caught, dropped



Topeka shiner Site 15-1





Topeka shiner Site 16-1



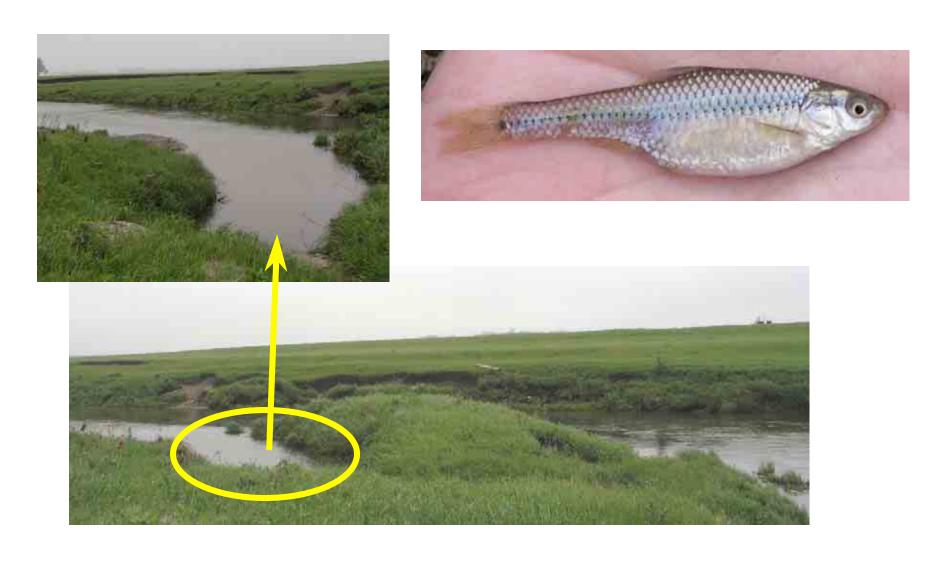




Topeka shiner Site 17-1



Topeka shiner Site 18-3



Topeka shiner Site 19 - no topekas





Topeka shiner Site 20-8



