

Redfin bully

Gobiomorphus huttoni

Native

Not threatened

Photo: Bruno David

Redfin bullies are one of the many native diadromous species found in New Zealand. This means that they require access to both freshwater and the marine environment at some stage of their lives. They can be found in stony streams, much like those occupied by the other 6 native bully species. Redfin bullies are generally found at sites with good water quality and because of the marine environment requirement, they tend to live closer to the coast and require unimpeded passage.

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 size is around 80-100mm in length.

