



### **85. STROEMER (*Leuciscus souffia agassizi*)**

**IDENTIFICATION:** The Stroemer is a small cyprinide reaching a length of between 20 and 25cm.

**HABITAT:** The Stroemer prefers running waters in the grayling region. In the past the Stroemer was found in bigger running waters, such as the Neckar river and the upper Rhine river. No or actually population of Stroemer are found only in a few rivers in Baden Wuerttemberg. In the Neckar river, the Stroemer is hardly ever found. The Stroemer needs running clean waters that are rich in under-water structures. Polluted waters and buildings erected at water bodies may be the reason why so few Stroemer are found in our region. Most Stroemer are found in deeper holes of running waters where they hide.

**FOOD:** Stroemer feed on small animals that live on the bottom of waters or hunt insect larvae from their hiding places.

**SPAWNING:** For spawning or for the winter-rest period the Stroemer will also move to smaller tributary waters.