



Cherax cuspidatus from Yuragir National Park

Yuraygir & Solitary Island National Parks

I spent a long weekend with Tegan and Josh Moylan in the Yuraygir and Solitary Islands National Parks near Lake Hiawatha and Woolli NSW. We were just camping and chasing crayfish and fish. It was an interesting area with *Cherax cuspidatus* and a *Tenuibranchiurus* species as the crayfish found in the area. Also lots of Oxyleyan Pygmy Perch (*Nannoperca oxleyana*) in the area so that was good as these are a threatened species.

We found heaps of gudgeon, mostly Firetail Gudgeons (*Hypseleotris gallii*) and Stripped Gudgeons (*Gobiomorphus australis*).

Amongst them all were Ornate Rainbowfish (*Rhadinocentrus ornatus*), they are a very pretty little fish, unfortunately I didn't take any photos for you. Ill try and get some next trip.

We checked out most of the creeks streams, swamps and lakes in the area and even had a snorkel in some to see just what's in the water. It was a great area and we had a recreational fish on the Woolli River breakwall on our last morning. We got up early, broke camp and got to the breakwall by 6.30am. Didn't have any bait, just soft plastic, gulp lures. We each did a cast, each captured a Mulloway and then packed up and left. We went down to the river to clean the fish and had them cleaned and on the road to go bring in our yabby traps by 7.30am. It was an amazingly lucky fishing event with 3 fish just like that all small between 58 and 61cm but still very nice little fish and they made a great dinner.



Camping along the Woolli River