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The American Brook lamprey, Lampetra appendix (DeKay), is a non-parasitic agnathan that occurs throughout the eastern United States and Canada from the Mississippi River drainage to the Great Lakes and in several Atlantic slope drainages (Seagle and Nagel, 1982). Arkansas specimens have only been found in the White and Ouachita River drainages (Harp and Matthews, 1975; Robison and Buchanan, 1992; Tumlison and Tumlison, 1999). On 13 February 1999, one adult specimen of L. appendix (total length 156 mm) was collected by seine from Jane's Creek, 6 km N Ravenden Springs (Sec 19, T20N, R2W), Randolph County, Arkansas, a tributary of the Black River drainage system. Fowler and Harp (1974) described Jane's Creek as a clear, spring-fed Ozark stream with high alkalinity and dissolved oxygen, low carbon dioxide, and a constant pH of 7.8-8.2. Pflieger (1975) reported one locality of L. appendix in the Black River system in Missouri. Our identification was confirmed by George L. Harp, Arkansas State University, and Henry W. Robison (pers. comm.), Southern Arkansas University, verified this find as a new record for the Black River drainage in Arkansas. The specimen was deposited in the Arkansas State University Museum of Zoology (ASUMZ 12919). The authors thank Dr. G.L. Harp, who confirmed the specimen; Dr. H. W. Robison provided distribution records, and Daniel Dye aided in collection.

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