



Fish of Shenandoah

Forty species of fish have been recorded in park waters. The mountain streams of the park are one of the last completely protected strongholds of the native eastern brook trout (*Salvinus fontinalis*). Of the approximately 90 small streams in the park, most contain brook trout. Other common species known to occur in the park include the blacknose and longnose dace, the mottled sculpin, the bluehead chub, and the fantail darter.

This list was compiled using the NPSpecies database in January 2023. You can find the most up-to-date information, as well as expanded definitions of the tags at: <https://irma.nps.gov/NPSpecies/>.

Abundance (Abd): Abundant (A), Common (C), Uncommon (Uc), Rare (R), Occasional (O), Unknown (U).

Season: when species is most easily encountered. Spring (Sp) is March - May, Summer (S) is June - August, Fall (F) is September - October, Winter (W) is November - February.

Habitat: Aquatic (AQ), Cultural (CU), Forest Edge (FE), Meadow (ME), Mesic forest (MF), Rock Outcrop (RO), Shrub/Scrub (SS), Wetland (WL), Xeric forest (XF), Park-wide (PW).

Seasonality (Seas): whether or not a species reproduces in Shenandoah National Park. Breeder (B), Resident (R), Migratory (M), Vagrant (V), Not Applicable (blank).

Rarity Rank (Rnk): any combination of global (G) rarity and state (S) rarity from 1-5. Critically imperiled (G1 or S1), imperiled (G2 or S2), vulnerable (G3 or S3), apparently secure (G4 or S4), secure (G5 or S5). You may also see: inexact numeric rank (?), questionable taxonomy (Q), subspecies status (T), or unranked (blank).

	Abd	Season				Habitat	Seas	Rnk
		Sp	S	F	W			
Rock Bass <i>Ambloplites rupestris</i>	Uc					AQ	B	G5 S5
Yellow Bullhead <i>Ameiurus natalis</i>	R					AQ	R	G5 S5
Brown Bullhead <i>Ameiurus nebulosus</i>	O					AQ	R	G5 S5
American Eel <i>Anguilla rostrata</i>	C					AQ	R	G4 S5
Central Stoneroller <i>Camptostoma anomalum</i>	Uc					AQ	B	G5 S5
White Sucker <i>Catostomus commersonii</i>	Uc					AQ	B	G5 S5
Mountain Redbelly Dace (<i>Chrosomus oreas</i>)	C					AQ	B	G5 S5
Rosyside Dace <i>Clinostomus funduloides</i>	A					AQ	B	G5 S5
Mottled Sculpin <i>Cottus bairdii</i>	A					AQ	B	G5 S4
Potomac sculpin <i>Cottus girardi</i>	Uc					AQ	B	G5 S3S4
Satinfin Shiner <i>Cyprinella analostana</i>	O					AQ	V	G5 S5
Spotfin Shiner <i>Cyprinella spiloptera</i>	Uc					AQ	R	G5 S4
Common Carp <i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	O					AQ	V	G5
Greenside Darter <i>Etheostoma blennioides</i>	O					AQ	V	G5 S4
Fantail Darter <i>Etheostoma flabellare</i>	C					AQ	B	G5 S5
Johnny Darter <i>Etheostoma nigrum</i>	R					AQ	B	G5 S4
Tessellated Darter <i>Etheostoma olmsted</i>	Uc					AQ	B	G5 S4
Cutlips Minnow <i>Exoglossum maxillingua</i>	R					AQ	R	G5 S5
Northern Hog Sucker <i>Hypentelium nigricans</i>	R					AQ	R	G5 S5
Redbreast Sunfish <i>Lepomis auritus</i>	O					AQ	R	G5 S5
Green Sunfish <i>Lepomis cyanellus</i>	O					AQ	R	G5 S5
Pumpkinseed <i>Lepomis gibbosus</i>	O					AQ	R	G5 S5
Bluegill <i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>	O					AQ	R	G5 S5
Longear Sunfish <i>Lepomis megalotis</i>	O					AQ	V	G5 S4
Common Shiner <i>Luxilus cornutus</i>	Uc					AQ	B	G5 S4
American Brook Lamprey <i>Lethenteron appendix</i>	O					AQ	V	G4 S3
Smallmouth Bass <i>Micropterus dolomieu</i>	Uc					AQ	B	G5 S5
Largemouth Bass <i>Micropterus salmoides</i>	O					AQ	V	G5 S5



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		Sp	S	F	W			
Bluehead Chub <i>Nocomis leptcephalus</i>	C					AQ	B	G5 S5
River Chub <i>Nocomis micropogon</i>	C					AQ	B	G5 S5
Margined Madtom <i>Noturus insignis</i>	Uc					AQ	B	G5 S3
Rainbow Trout <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	Uc					AQ	B	G5
Bluntnose Minnow <i>Pimephales notatus</i>	Uc					AQ	R	G5 S5
Blacknose Dace <i>Rhinichthys atratulus</i>	A					AQ	B	G5 S5
Longnose Dace <i>Rhinichthys cataractae</i>	A					AQ	B	G5 S4
Brown Trout <i>Salmo trutta</i>	Uc					AQ	B	G5
Tiger Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i> <i>X Salvelinusfontinalis</i>)	R					AQ	R	
Brook Trout <i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i>	A					AQ	B	G5 S4
Creek Chub <i>Semotilus atromaculatus</i>	C					AQ	B	G5 S5
Fallfish <i>Semotilus corporalis</i>	Uc					AQ	R	G5 S5
Torrent Sucker <i>Thoburnia rhotoea</i>	C					AQ	B	G4 S4